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## General Electric, Sears Roebuck Slash Prices in War on Inflation

**CATALOG LISTS ONE-THIRD CUT ON SOME ITEMS**

Home Appliances Affected  
By GE Move; Snyder Hails Break in Spiral

*By The Associated Press*  
The General Electric company yesterday announced price reductions affecting many home appliances — the first break in the price spiral by a major manufacturer.

Continuing in the same vein, Sears Roebuck and company last night in Chicago announced it has trailed out a regular mid-Winter sales book listing price reductions up to 20 and 33 1/3 percent in some merchandise.

A spokesman for the big mail order house declined to predict, however, the trend of prices in Sears' regular 1948 Spring and Summer catalog, due in about ten days.

Charles E. Wilson, GE president, told a news conference that the price drop, ranging from 3 to 10 percent, is effective Jan. 1 and will affect about 40 percent of the company's total business.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, hailed General Electric's price cuts last night as an important anti-inflationary move. Both expressed the hope other producers would follow the example.

Refrigerators, ranges and home radio and television receivers, are among the General Electric products affected. No price reductions in electric light bulbs was announced.

Expressing the belief that industry must take the initiative in reversing the inflationary spiral, Wilson said General Electric also is reducing prices of component parts, which it supplies to other appliance manufacturers.

Declaring that the price cuts represent a savings of \$50,000,000 annually at the consumers' level, Wilson added:

"It is not done to stimulate business. These reductions come at the time of the company's greatest demand for the goods involved. We could sell in many lines what we can produce and it should be so for many months."

The 269-page Sears sales book called the mid-Winter sale "one of the greatest money saving events."

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## New County Officers To Be Sworn In at Ceremony Monday

*By Staff Correspondent*  
NORRISTOWN, Dec. 30 — Newly-elected Montgomery county officials will be inducted into office next Monday at exercises scheduled for 11 a. m. in Courtroom B at the courthouse.

President Judge Harold G. Knight, of the Common Pleas court, will administer the oath of office after he has been sworn for another ten-year term by Judge William P. Dannehower.

Following the exercises, each of the new officials will be given a framed certificate to hang on the wall of his office.

All but two of the new officers are incumbents. The newcomers are E. Arnold Forrest, of Conshohocken, district attorney, and Samuel H. Wilson, of Abington, treasurer.

The others are: President Judge J. Burnett Holland, of Upper Merion, Orphans court; County Commissioners Fred C. Peters, Ardmore; Foster C. Hille-gass, Pennsburg; and Raymond E. Mench, Gilbertsville; Sheriff Samuel M. Glass, Whitmarsh; Clerk of Courts Louis V. Dorn, East Norristown; Coroner W. J. Rushong, Norristown; Recorder of Deeds John H. Marshall, Cheltenham; Register of Wills Mary H. Beener, Norristown; Controller John A. Lafore, Lower Merion, and Surveyor Eibert St. Metz, Lansdale.

**THE WEATHER**  
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and not so cold today. Tomorrow mostly cloudy and slightly colder followed by some rain or sleet.

## King Michael Resigns As Ruler of Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania, Dec. 30 (AP)—Young King Michael announced his abdication to a bewildered populace today, and the government promptly proclaimed Romania a "popular democratic republic."

A member of the government said the 26-year-old former monarch was now free to live in Romania and marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma and Denmark, but the king's abdication proclamation said he was resigning the throne because with the "great political, economic and social changes" in this Communist-dominated land.

The people in the streets as well as parliamentarians remained in the dark as to whether Romania or politics actually had played the deciding factor in the behind-the-scenes decision.

A high government source said Michael "probably will" marry the 24-year-old Princess Anne and may go to Switzerland soon to meet her. He said Michael was free to "settle down" in Romania or elsewhere. It was in Switzerland that Michael spent more than two weeks recently awaiting in vain for his government's permission to marry the blonde princess.

(Official British sources in London said the abdication "obviously removes the last remaining obstacle in the way of a new east European dictatorship.") Diplomatic authorities in Washington said Michael had been a "brake" on some Communist actions in Romania.)

The 26-year-old king's abdication was signed at 3 p. m. and read over the radio a few minutes before 4:45 p. m.

Three hours later the Romanian parliament, by unanimous vote of 256 deputies present, abolished the old monarchical constitution and ratified the government's proclamation of a republic.

By the same vote the parliament approved the creation of a presidium on the Soviet model.

The present chamber will continue in office until a constituent assembly is called.

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## 2 Convicts Caught, 10 Free After Break in Colorado

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 30 (AP)—Two of 12 hardened criminals who broke out of the Colorado state prison tonight were recaptured as scores of officers battled through a raging snow storm to stop a bloody outburst of shootings, sluggings and kidnappings following the mass escape.

Warden Roy Best said George Trujillo, 23, and Billy Frank New, 21, were caught at a ranch six miles south of Canon City after a shooting in which Guard Capt. Chet Yeo, 39, was wounded in the head and Rancher A. M. Smith, 52, suffered a severe wound in the right arm.

The son of Smith, Joe, 17, who had been held hostage by the prisoners was freed unharmed, Best said.

Four guards approached the ranch after they discovered tracks in the snow. Best said, and found the two prisoners walking with Smith and his son in front of them.

The guards deployed and Yeo attempted to shoot the prisoner holding the elder Smith. Best said, but the bullet struck Smith in the arm.

The convict returned the fire and wounded Yeo in the head.

Mrs. Lonnie Higgins, the wife of a prison farm caretaker, was reported in critical condition after she was strangled by two of the prisoners, one of whom was wearing the uniform of penitentiary guard.

Guard Winston Williams was reported missing after the felons broke from cell block No. 6 and Best said he feared Williams was a hostage.

The two prisoners who attacked Mrs. Higgins are trapped in the ranch house seven miles east of Canon City.

Another group of three escapees forced their way into the residence of Mrs. Pearl N. Green, three blocks from the prison north gate and ordered her outside to her automobile.

Under their threats, she attempted to start the car but was unsuccessful. The convicts then fled.

Best described the convicts as "all bad hombres—the worst we have in the prison."

## U. S. CAUTIONS RED SATELLITES ON GREEK STATE

Champions of Leftists Disregard U. N. Stand. Secretary Lovett Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The United States warned Russia's Balkan satellites today that any move to recognize the Greek "free state" proclaimed by Communist guerrillas would flout the will of the United Nations assembly.

Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett said that any such action would have "serious implications" and added that what the United States might do would depend on circumstances.

He told a news conference that the American mission in Greece has under constant consideration the question of diverting more American aid funds from economic purposes to supplying equipment to the Greek army.

The warning against diplomatic recognition was given in a sharply-worded statement which was the first official United States reaction to the proclamation of the guerrilla rump state. It was directed at foreign nations in general, with particular reference to Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria, to whose leaders with Greece the U. N. assembly dispatched a special Balkan watch commission this fall.

"The claim of certain Communist guerrilla leaders, that they have established at some unknown point a 'first provisional democratic government of free Greece' is a transparent device the true purpose of which will be clear to everyone," the statement said.

"It is only a phase in the familiar effort of certain elements to overthrow the legitimate and recognized Greek government and to threaten the territorial integrity and political independence of Greece. It came as no surprise. In itself, it would not materially change the existing situation."

"But if other countries were to recognize the group, this step would have serious implications. It (Continued on Page Five)

## Wallace Plan Puts U. N. in Control of European Rebuilding

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30 (AP)—Independent Presidential Candidate Henry Wallace proposed tonight a seven-point "Wallace plan," financed by all nations "possessed of the means" and administered by the United Nations, to rehabilitate the nations of Europe.

Wallace, who last night announced he would be a candidate for the presidency as an independent, said his plan "will guarantee that it is not directed against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty and chaos."

The "Wallace plan" includes:

1. A proposal from the U. S. to the United Nations for the establishment of a U. N. reconstruction fund.

2. Administration of the fund by an agency of the U. N. established for that purpose.

3. The fund to be "made up of contributions appropriated by our Congress and other nations possessed of the means in an amount sufficient to finance an over-all five-year plan."

4. Priority in the allocation of funds to be given to those nations "which suffered most severely from Axis aggression."

With such allocations "based solely on these considerations of merit and need without regard to the character of the (Continued on Page Five)

## CAA Grants 13 Million For Airport Improvement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Administration announced today allocation of \$13,351,751 for state, county and municipal airport improvement in the year ending tomorrow.

A total of 131 communities shared in the grants. (Pottstown, Pa., was not included.)

The agency has an additional \$56,745,249 for distribution between Jan. 1 and July 1, end of the 1948 fiscal year. Allocation of the full \$70,097,000 program for the 1947 and 1948 fiscal years previously was announced by states.

Congress has authorized a \$500,000,000 nation-wide, seven-year airport improvement program, but thus far has appropriated only \$70,097,000. Except for land acquisition the federal government will match state or local government funds dollar-for-dollar.

## 1947 Was Big Year for Four Sisters



Production was generally good in 1947, but in the local baby field it was outstanding. Four sisters became mothers the past year, all the babies being born in Memorial hospital. Starting at the bottom and reading clockwise, they are Mrs. Dominic Paolucci, 829 Glasgow street, with her son Joseph, born Aug. 22; Mrs. Joseph Ross Jr., 438 Walnut street, holding her son Joseph, born Oct. 19; Mrs. Louis Vanore, 550 East Race street, Stowe, and her daughter Barbara Ann, who came along March 25, and Mrs. John Dolhanczyk, 601 East Vine street, Stowe, with her son John Jr., born June 28.

## Highly-Rated Course for Teachers Lost to Schools in Cordt Dismissal

*By FRANK DOSTAL (Mercury Staff Writer)*  
First Article of a Series

Pottstown grade schools will start the New Year with the loss of an eight-year-old teacher training project which had boosted their scholastic level and reputation throughout the State, it was revealed yesterday.

The loss was directly occasioned by a recent decision of the Pottstown school board to discontinue the services of Dr. Anna D. Cordt, Rutgers university education expert.

Dr. Cordt's methods of teaching reading and the cost of her services had been assailed by the Democratic party during the pre-election campaign on the grounds that \$1500 per year for a reading teacher was exorbitant.

No mention was made, however, that in addition to teaching her reading methods, Dr. Cordt also was conducting a teacher training course in the classroom. It brought the most modern developments in education directly to Pottstown school children and their teachers.

The training program began eight years ago when it was recognized, after working with English, arithmetic, history and geography, that little could be done to improve the children's learning in any subject.

At the beginning of her work in Pottstown, Dr. Cordt was faced with the problem of training veteran teachers in the new method and with some opposition from parents who believed their children could not learn under her techniques. She has since been acclaimed by the teachers and the scholastic records of the children show how well she has learned.

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## UNION LEADERS SAY '48 LOOKS GOOD FOR LABOR

Full Employment, Few Disputes Are Predicted; Hope for Drop in Prices

*By FRED SELBY (Mercury Staff Writer)*

Pottstown labor leaders predicted last night that 1948 would see plenty of jobs here and few labor disputes.

They also supported Monday's prediction by borough business leaders of "new year of general prosperity." Only about the question of whether the high cost of living would drop were they reluctant to return a cheering answer.

To this question, union men made only the unanimous answer, "We hope so."

Here's how the situation looks to union leaders in four representative industries:

**Stanley G. Flag company**—James H. Corum, president of Local 2326, United Steelworkers, declared, "I feel strongly that the coming year will be a prosperous one. We have had very good labor relations the past few years, and look for a continuance of the same."

About the high-prices question, Corum said, "If there should be any confusion or trouble next year, it will hinge on that."

He added that the average labor leader wanted price drops more than wage boosts. He said he was hopeful of prices falling, and said "if there was a 20 percent rollback, we wouldn't even ask for any general increases next year."

**Bethlehem Steel**—Alfred Marquet, president of Local 2177, U.S.W., asserted, "Right now the outlook is very good." He said that most men are on overtime, with a 48-hour week a common thing. "We're even working New Year's Day," he added, "so you can see we're really pounding out the steel."

He foresaw a year of peaceful labor relations. There may be a move for "some wage adjustments," he said, since "all indications point to our asking for a meeting April 1 in New York." The steelmen's contract may be re-opened any time after April 30, he added.

**Clothing Workers**—Morris Willauer, secretary of Local 138, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which covers four area plants, said, "I think it will be a prosperous year." He said, as far as employment goes, "I think it will grow; job opportunities here are expanding."

He said it was doubtful whether overtime would be a general thing in 1948 but there would be occasional spurts of it. The local clothing industries he said, would probably turn from export orders toward making more for this country.

"As far as local wages go," he said, "they could stand a little upward pressure," but added he was not alarmed by prices in this section.

He foresaw no labor trouble in his industry since the union's contract has another four years (Continued on Page Five)

## New Contributors To 'Nancy Fund'

Acknowledged previously	\$7614.92
Employees, Page Products Corporation	25.00
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Betty	1.00
Mary Ellen, Pottstown	2.00
Total	\$7643.92

## Sears Returns to His Office With Ankle in a Cast

Borough Manager Dow I. Sears returned to his borough hall office yesterday with his right ankle in a cast and a metal rocker bound to the bottom of his foot.

Sears broke a bone in the ankle when he slipped and fell on the ice at High and Manatawny streets the past Friday but did not know that he had suffered anything worse than a twisted ankle until an X-ray revealed the fracture.

"I'll have this thing on for the next six weeks," he said ruefully, glancing at the metal brace on his foot, the heavy cast around his ankle and the cast that will be his constant companion until the bone knits.

## ON THE MAIN DRAG

**MARILYN TAGLIEBER**—A warm greeting on a cold morning.

**JOSEPH OLUMIAN**—removing the chains from his car.

**KAY KUMMERER**—out for a short ride.

**MRS. CHARLES TOWERS**—enthusiastic over her new job.

**FREDA E. GLOSS**—disappointed in a ball game.

**BOB SCHEIDT**—aiming in a long line.

**ROBERT BERGER**—listening to a record.

**DAVE COLLEGE**—distributing matches freely.

**ALVA STAMM**—sporting a brand new apron.

**MRS. EDGAR MAUER**—hurrying to catch a bus.

## Wentzel Trial, Borough Garbage Plan Stole Spotlight

*By HARRY TOLAND (Mercury Staff Writer)*

Altogether leave the news until Nov. 24 when the decision on arguments for arrest of judgment was deferred by three Montgomery county judges.

Possibly the next most significant story was the adoption of municipal garbage collection on Nov. 25 after years of hope by Pottstownians that the measure would be made law.

It would be almost impossible to grade other news for interest. But it is safe to say that for a year-around drawing card the weather, as it has been since the Ice Age, cannot be beaten. 1947 proved no exception.

Although your favorite probably has been excluded, these are some of the best yarns 1947 produced.

The New Year started quietly with Pottstown under 3 inches of snow. Three days later teachers of West Pottsgrove school made tracks through it as they staged a one-day strike for higher wages.

After extensive questioning, Gerald Wentzel was charged with the murder of Miriam Green on Jan. 7, almost a month after her nude body had been found strang-

led. He was freed on \$15,000 bail five days later.

The next night J. Roger Moter took over the reins of the New Hanover Grange.

On Jan. 16, Mr. and Mrs. David Bechtel, 305 Chestnut street, tied the ribbon on 65 years of amalgamated life.

In one week butter dropped 18 cents to a "good old days" of 67 cents a pound, but rose 8 cents on Feb. 7 when it was explained, the chilliness of the cows out their milk supply, created a demand and spurred the price.

Only a day separated the deaths of Mr. Anna Spatz, Boyertown, Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's mother, on Jan. 16, and Benne Iannuzzi, local restaurateur, famous for his spaghetti.

The Pottstown hospital, reporting to mark production, turned seven babies off the assembly line on Jan. 18, believed it to be a record.

As a 32-degree heat wave set a new Jan. 29 record, Wentzel was indicted on the grand jury for the Green murder.

On Feb. 2 1800 Pottstown workers started a two-day walk-out and the groundhog saw his shadow foreboding the 1-degree weather to come four days later.

Touchee off a long chain of woe, 32 Pottstown property owners appealed tax re-assessments on their holdings on Feb. 10 and the same day both local theaters decided to test the borough's licensing ordinance in court.

In the husk of a 13-inch blanket of snow which fell Feb. 20 and 21.

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It was February. Then the snows came. Remember?

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## WALLACE NEEDS HEAVY OUTLAY, SURVEY SHOWS

Signatures of Electors, Convention Expenses Boost Campaign Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace can get his third party presidential ticket on the ballot in most states next November, but it will require a tremendous organization and much financial support, an Associated Press survey showed today.

The former vice president's decision to bolt the Democrats and lead a "peace and abundance" party evoked hopeful new predictions from Republicans foreseeing a possible split in the Democratic vote, and mixed indications of indifference and fear among Democrats.

Democrats already were seeking ways to offset any adverse effect of Wallace's announcement as a 1948 independent presidential candidate. Senator Sparkman of Alabama, who headed the Democratic speakers bureau in the 1946 campaign, indicated it might be a part of the strategy to jump Wallace's party with the Republicans in Democratic campaign attacks.

"I think Wallace's platform is going to parallel in many respects the Republican platform and we can attack them both with the same weapons," Sparkman told a reporter.

Wallace told a news conference in Milwaukee that Senator Glen H. Taylor (D-Iowa) would be "marvelous" as a running mate. Taylor says he is considering joining the Wallace ticket. Wallace also praised the foreign policy views of Senator Pepper (D-Fla.). Pepper has said he will string along with the Democrats.

A survey of State laws showed that most states will qualify a third presidential ticket by the filing of petitions signed by anywhere from 100 to upwards of 50,000 voters. Other methods are by holding State conventions or caucuses to name presidential electors.

Either method requires money, such as filing fees running into thousands of dollars, hotel expenses of convention delegates and the like.

Most significant are the laws of key electoral vote states where politicians agree, Wallace might hold the balance of power in a close election. These states include New York, California, Illinois, Michigan and some others.

Through some fast organizing, Wallace could qualify his electors in most of the pivotal states.

For example, in New York, the largest electoral vote state, he could appear on the ballot either by nomination in a convention by an already constituted legal party, such as the American Labor party, or by independent nominating petitions signed by at least 12,000 voters.

## To Lead Tournament Parade



On their arrival in Pasadena, California, General Omar Bradley and his wife are welcomed to the city by Louis Vincenti (right), General Bradley will serve as grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses parade to be held on New Year's Day.

## Landis to Lose CAB Post; Last of 'Brain-Trusters'



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### Former Burma Premier Draws Death Verdict

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 30 (AP)—A special Burmese tribunal sentenced to death today U Saw, pre-war premier of Burma, and eight others for the slaying of Maj. Gen. U Aung San and six additional Burmese cabinet ministers.

The sentence, proclaimed in a packed court room, was meted out only six days before Burma will receive its independence from British rule.

Aung San, the anti-Communist "strong man" of Burma, played an important part in the negotiations which will culminate on Jan. 4 in Burma's "independence day."

It often happens that rain falls from a cloud but is evaporated before it reaches the earth.

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## Arabs Kill 41 Jews in Reprisal For Bomb Blast Near Refinery

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—A bomb tossed outside a Haifa oil refinery today killed six Arabs and touched off a wild battle inside the refinery in which enraged Arab workers hammered and stabbed to death 41 Jews in the biggest bloodletting since the United Nations decision on partition.

The wounded included 42 Arabs and seven Jews.

In addition to the melee that raged through the tangled pipes and stills of the refinery, other Palestine violence raised the death toll for the day to 52. The unofficial death count since the Nov. 29 partition decision mounted to 481. For the entire Middle East the toll was 602.

A Jewish source said Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground group, hurled the bomb from a Jewish taxi into a line of 100 Arabs waiting outside the employment office of the Consolidated Refinery, which is owned jointly by the Shell and Anglo-Iranian Oil company.

Haganah, the Jewish defense organization, termed the bombing an "irresponsible deed," but said the bomb attack was no justification for the killing of Jewish workmen inside the plant by enraged Arabs and added that "the blood of our brothers will be paid for."

Irgun made the bomb attack yesterday at Damascus gate in Jerusalem that resulted in the death of 15 persons, including 12 Arabs.

When word of today's bomb attack spread inside the refinery the fury of the 1800 Arab employees exploded in a fierce attack upon 400 Jewish workers. Cries of the wounded and the angry shouts of the Arabs rose over the port area as the battle raged.

Red-bereted sixth airborne troops, veterans of Arnhem and the Rhine, stormed into the sprawling refinery battlefield and succeeded eventually in restoring order. Refinery officials closed down when the army moved in. No estimate of damage was available.

The attackers who hurled the bomb fled in the taxi under their own protective gunfire.

Police aided the troops in the riot-area of Haifa and opened fire to restore order. Shops in Haifa closed down in fear of fresh outbreaks.

Two attacks in Jerusalem this afternoon killed two British policemen, police said. One was felled by machinegun fire which blazed from the vicinity of the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane during a funeral procession headed toward the Mount of Olives. A short time later a hand grenade killed one British policeman and wounded another as they walked in the Jewish quarter.

what he regarded as a curt dismissal.



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## Democrats Eye Own Program To Slice Taxes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Democrats on Capitol Hill took steps today to write a tax bill of their own, cutting off around \$3,500,000,000 instead of \$5,600,000,000 proposed by the Republican

chief tax manager, Rep. Knutson of Minnesota. Rep. Mills (D-Ark.) told reporters "It is time Democrats started thinking of a tax bill of their own."

Simultaneously, Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) proposed a meeting of Democratic leaders in Congress and administrative policy makers to draft a definite, unified Democratic tax program.

Mills and Dingell, both members of the tax-framing House ways and means committee, said that when it comes time to cut taxes the first action should be "cost of living" tax relief for low income persons who have been pinched harder by rising prices.

The Arkansas lawmaker gave his own idea of what a Democratic tax bill should contain:

1. A \$100 increase in individual exemption from \$500 to \$600. This would remove 6,000,000 low income taxpayers from the rolls completely, and provide some relief for all others among the \$4,500,000 Federal taxpayers. It would cost the Treasury about \$2,000,000,000.
2. General application to all states of the community property principle for tax recording purposes. This would allow husbands and wives to split the family income equally, thus taking advantage of lower income bracket rates, and reducing taxes by about \$800,000,000.
3. A lowering of the percentage points in the various surtax brackets. This should be done, Mills said, "on the basis of what we can afford when we know what the cost of government and foreign aid will be."

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Actors Clark Gable (above) and Frank Morgan yesterday were ordered to appear Saturday to answer charges of exceeding the duck hunting limit. State Game Warden Les Arnold, who arrested them and several other hunters at an exclusive gun club near Bakersfield, Calif., said he found Gable in possession of 25 ducks and Morgan with 13. The day's limit is four.

## Railway Freight Rate Boosted 10 Percent By Interstate Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—A further "emergency" railroad freight rate increase of ten percent was authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission today, boosting charges 20 percent above what they were the past Oct. 1.

As in the case of the earlier ten percent hike, issued less than three months ago, the commission made its new order a temporary one, good only until next June 30.

Between now and then, the commission hopes to complete its study of the railroads' plea for a permanent 20 percent increase in charges and to decide what the long-term rates should be.

The rise approved today is expected by ICC experts to yield the carriers an extra \$1,230,000,000 a year.

Permission to charge the increased rates was given not only to the railroads, which started the move for revisions, but to the domestic water carriers and the freight forwarding organizations which asked that they be given the same consideration as the rail lines. The freight forwarders assemble small quantity freight for reshipment at carload rates.

All of these operators were empowered to make the changes effective on five-day notices, and railroad sources indicated that the carriers may start collecting the higher charges next Monday, Jan. 5.

## 17 String Bands Entered in Parade

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30 (AP)—A new record in the number of clubs and marchers is expected to be established when the Mummers officially greet the New Year Thursday in their annual parade down Broad street.

Thus far, 17 string bands have entered the contest for musical entertainment. Five clubs will compete in the fancy division and nine in the comic section. The ornately garbed funsters will compete for \$300,000 in prizes.

The spectators along the line of march are expected to number 1,000,000.

**CREMATES ANCESTORS**  
LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The seventh earl of Spencer, Albert Edward John, told newsmen today he had the bodies of "about 40" of his ancestors removed from the vault at the family church in Great Brington and cremated. He said it, "to make room in the place."

Macadam surfaced roads are named after MacAdams, an 18th Century Scottish engineer.

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**NOTICE**  
To All Residents of the Borough of Pottstown, Pa.  
Garbage, ashes and refuse will be collected by Mr. George H. Dunn, Contractor, 718 Walnut St. Phone 2699-J after January 1, 1948, in accordance with the following collection schedule:  
3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th Ward—Monday and Thursday  
8th, 10th Wards—Tuesday and Friday  
West, 2nd, 5th and 9th Wards—Wednesday and Saturday  
Stores and business places every other day or as arranged with user of collection service.  
No charge will be made for private residences within the Borough limits of Pottstown, Pa. A charge will be made from business, commercial and industrial establishments who require collection service, based on quantity and frequency of collection.  
**GARBAGE, ASH & REFUSE COLLECTION**  
1. Garbage containers shall be metal with tight lids and not over 20 gallons capacity unless approved by contractor. Ashes may be placed in strong wooden or metal containers but shall not weigh over 75 lbs.  
2. All containers shall be placed not more than 20 feet from curb line of street or 20 feet from alley line in rear, and shall be placed in alley location as noted above where possible.  
3. The Borough will enforce use of proper containers.  
4. The term ashes and refuse may be construed to mean, ashes, tin cans, glass, metal ware, paper and all household wastes except stones, bricks and building materials. It can also include grass clippings, garden weeds and garden wastes. Tree trimmings will be collected when securely tied in bundles not to exceed 6 feet in length.  
5. Collections will be made twice each week in accordance with schedule noted above and containers shall be placed in proper location before contractors scheduled time of collection.  
6. The following holidays may be observed by the contractor if he so elects:  
January 1, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.  
Collections will be made as soon as possible after each holiday.  
7. The Borough officials of the Borough of Pottstown request the co-operation of all residents and the contractor in the proper enforcement of these rules and regulations.  
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# Two Local Hospitals, YMCA and YWCA Get \$1000 Bequests in Will of Feed Merchant

By Staff Correspondent  
NORRISTOWN, Dec. 30 — The Pottstown and Memorial hospitals, the YMCA and the YWCA are among the beneficiaries in the will of Harvey Barlow, Lower Pottsgrove main and feed merchant who died Sept. 15, 1946, an accounting in Orphans court by Judge J. Burnett Holland showed today.  
One thousand dollars was left to each of the institutions as well as to the Pottstown First Presbyterian church and to Stichter Lodge 254, F and AM.  
Mr. Barlow willed \$73,769.54, and other bequests included: Pleasant View hotel, Sanatoga, to William F. Hippie, of Sanatoga, a property at Franklin and Chestnut streets, to Elington B. Heck, 79 North Franklin street.  
To his son-in-law S. Raymond Scheeler the grain and feed merchant willed \$10,000. Lamerick cemetery company \$500, Ella J. Scheffer and Robert B. Scheeler, \$1000 each in trust, Dr. William B. Minsch, \$4500 and \$1000 each to the Rev. Nelson F. Schmidt, of Schwenksville, John J. Kessler, of Sanatoga, and Calvin Rhoads, Elizabeth T. Nichols, Bechtel, Martha W. Bunder, Bessie Kast, Ada Heck, and the Masonic Home at Elizabeth-town.  
The balance of \$42,769.54 was given to S. Raymond Scheeler. The trustees also indicated that

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# Evicted Family Lives in Tent

Seventeen nephews and nieces share the major portion of the estate of Charles C. Hillegass, East Greenville, who died last April 15, according to an adjudication by Judge Holland.  
Balances for distribution included: Principal—personality, \$10,590.70; principal—realty, \$6657.42; income—personality, \$41.32.  
After a bequest of \$50 is made to New Goshenhoppen Cemetery, Upper Hanover township, for the care of his grave the balance is to be divided equally among J. Edward Sell, Ralph G. Sell, Warren J. Sell, Frederick P. Sell, Margaret H. Hallman, Kenneth H. Hallman, Claude R. Hallman, Allen H. Hallman, Catherine Hallman, Rutter, Florence Hillegass Radcliff, Charles H. Hillegass, William A. Hillegass, Edward F. Hillegass, Esther Hillegass Garges, Ella Hillegass Kratz, Ivin Hillegass, Joann G. Hillegass.  
Adjudications in other estates included:  
In the estate of Patrick J. Fogarty, Lamerick who died last Mar. 10, balance of \$1034.81 awarded one-half each to brothers, Michael and Owen Fogarty.

After being evicted a month ago, the Flowers family have made their home in a big army tent (top) which Herbert Flowers erected on a piece of property near Bainbridge, Md. Outside the tent is some of the furniture for which there was no room inside. The "home" is warmed by a coal heater and cooking stove. Bottom, five of the six Flowers children are shown eating their breakfast.

# Alarm Box Installed At Pottstown Hospital

Fire Alarm Box 22 has been installed at Pottstown hospital by Borough Electrician William H. Price. The box was reported in service to the local fire companies at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

**Collapsed Bridges Hit River Traffic**  
FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 30 (P)—Collapsed bridges tied up traffic today on flood-swollen German rivers. International cable communications were delayed by an inundation at Saarbruecken.  
It was estimated that southbound Rhine river traffic would be blocked for three days.  
The Neckar bridge near Heidelberg in the American zone was washed away and officials said traffic would be blocked for a week.  
Main toll cables were out of service at Saarbruecken, where the Neckar rose seven feet during the night to a 30-foot level. More than four feet of water was reported in the telephone exchange building.

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# New Yorkers Set Mark For Calls in One Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (P)—New Yorkers made more telephone calls yesterday than on any day in the city's history.  
With transportation still low from the past Friday's record 238-inch snowfall, New Yorkers made 16,292-316 calls, reported the New York Telephone company, reported. Normally telephone calls in the city average about 8,800,000 daily.

**SUMNEYTOWN**  
Charles Rogers delivers.  
The following will be confirmed in St. John's Lutheran church Sunday morning: Theda E. Young, Kathryn L. Dase, Esther C. Calcutt, and Isaac L. Breyer. Ho's communion will be administered to those unable to attend the communion service on Dec. 21. The service will begin at 10 a. m. Sunday school will be at 8:45 a. m.  
The Rev. E. L. Angstadt and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Polster and family at Telford.  
St. John's Lutheran church council met in special session Monday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Seidomridge, of Pottstown and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nace and daughter Nancy, of Pennsylvania, were Christmas Day guests of Edward Bohl and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Breuninger and son were the Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Breuninger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brey.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Nace entertained the following at supper on Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sturges and son Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Breuninger and son.  
Isaac Barndt and daughter, Ruth, and son, Paul, spent Christmas Day with the Luther Barndt family of Pottstown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Long spent Christmas Day with their son, Myron and wife of Pottstown.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Hartzell spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Hartzell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Holtzman of Allentown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spears and son and Mrs. Spear's mother, all of Quakertown, called on the John Hartzell family Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frederick and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Russell York and family of Telford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bilger, of Emmaus, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reed and son.  
Mrs. Edwin Long is on the sick list.  
Mrs. Henry Gifford returned home from the hospital Christmas Day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heish and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Detweiler were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Myrtle Shupe and daughters.  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moser and family moved into their new home Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oswin Christman and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moser Jr., and son were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Schaffer and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moser and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fossbennel, of Perkasie, Christmas afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cashatt and family have returned from North Carolina.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hartzell and daughter, Janice, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moser and son, called on Mrs. Lillian Berry, of Perkasie, Sunday night.  
Miss Lilly McNabb and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McNabb and children, Ethan Shirley and Ronald, of Allentown, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hertz and daughters. The Hertzels entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gifford McNabb and daughter, Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hertz and Jean Hertz and Eleanor Guthrie Sunday.

# American Dollars Alone Won't Purchase Good Will of War Victims, Jurist Says

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (P)—Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. Supreme court declared tonight that in extending aid abroad America must treat war victims as equals and not as if they can be 'purchased with the dollar' or made 'our satellites'.  
Douglas also appealed for greater application of the Constitution's Bill of Rights in this country, asserting that "a people who proclaim their civil liberties but extend them only to preferred groups start down the path to totalitarianism."  
Douglas who likes to be called a westerner although he spent much of his law teaching days in the East, has been mentioned as a possible running mate for President Truman next year.  
Some elements in the Democratic party are expected to boom him stronger than ever, now that Henry Wallace has come out to head an independent presidential ticket in 1948. They describe Douglas as a progressive and express belief his nomination would help offset the effects of Wallace's soil.  
Douglas spoke at a dinner marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Peter Altgeld, German immigrant boy who became governor of Illinois in the nineties. Altgeld was a noted battler for social legislation and against what he considered denials of civil liberties. Declaring that they had been denied a fair trial, he pardoned three anarchists convicted of Chicago's haymarket bombing of 1886.  
Douglas praised him as one who brought the brightest honor to the democratic ideal.  
Concerning aid to foreign nations, Douglas said:  
"We must not manage this great crisis of democracy as if it were an auction—as if the peoples of the world were on the block and going to the highest bidder."  
"The sensitiveness of people increases with their suffering. The peoples of the world have suffered beyond our comprehension. If we so manage this crisis as to leave the impression that our standards are mercenary, we will have generated a revulsion to our system which will may be irreparable."  
"We must," he said "reach behind the facade of ministers and cabinets and commissions and let the common people feel our warm handclasp."  
"There are emissaries of totalitarian regimes in the capitals of the world bargaining with bags of wheat for the souls of men," he said "They are our competitors; but we need not emulate their example."  
"When Altgeld insisted that even anarchists were entitled to due process of law he himself was labeled a subversive influence," Douglas related.  
"That will often be said today when one insists that the safeguards of the Bill of Rights be extended to all groups including any minority group in our midst that may be at the whipping post on the subject of temporary hysteria."  
"Yes, it takes courage to stand between an unpopular minority and the community, insisting that our Bill of Rights was designed for the protection of all people whatever their race, creed, or political faith."  
Douglas referred to Altgeld as "a symbol of the clean, powerful force which we call American idealism."

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# ORBITUARIES

**HARVEY E. OAKES, 53, PHILA-DELPHIA.** Pottstown native and husband of the late Berna Snailley. Oakes died early in Philadelphia Naval Hospital, where he had been admitted the past Saturday.  
He spent most of his life in Pottstown and had been an iron and steel worker, beginning first as a rigger at the old Light Manufacturing and Foundry company plant on Queen street near Baile street and later following the trade of core-making in local plants.  
He was a veteran of Army service during World War I.  
His wife was a son Harvey E. Jr., now serving in the Army Ordnance department in Alaska.  
He was a member of the Pottstown LeROI Mohnnton and two sisters Mrs. Stella Phillips, Pottstown RD 4 and Alice wife of Harvey C. Sanehart, 167 North Evans street.  
Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

**ANNA M. SHULER, of 154 NORTH HANOVER STREET.** Sanbury, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of the late William R. and

Enzabeth (Baker) Shuler, died early yesterday morning at her home.  
Miss Shuler had been in failing health for a year, and passed for three days.  
She was a member of Transfiguration Lutheran church.  
The only survivor is a sister, Ella K., 154 North Hanover street.  
Funeral services will be held Thursday at the convenience of the family from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street. Officiating will be the Rev. Theodore L. Finner, pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran church.  
Interment will be made in Pottstown East End cemetery.

# SUPERVISOR DIES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30 (P)—Frank Jackson, technical supervisor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin's photographic department and one of the men who helped pioneer aerial photography in World War I, died last night of a heart attack. He was 56.  
Sanbury, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of the late William R. and

Photo shows HELEN KULP, 70 W. 5th street, Pottstown, winner of the First prize in Tubis Shoes 20th Anniversary awards, receiving congratulations from Irvin Tubis, proprietor. The drawing climaxed the anniversary. The prize was a PHILCO Radio-Phonograph combination.

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**Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joy, and dividing our grief.—Addison.**

**Fuel Oil Supplies**  
It's rather ironic that you can live within the shadows of big oil refineries, and still be short on oil to heat your home or run your factory.

Pottstown is in just that situation. Refineries are in our backyard, and they are working at capacity. But they are unable to produce enough oil to meet the demand. And this despite the fact that companies have made substantial additions to their facilities since the end of the war.

Plain fact is, more oil is being used by more persons than ever before. In talks with oil distributors and refiners, one factor is mentioned time and again which seems to be the one, big reason for the unprecedented demand for fuel oil. It is simply this:

Home owners are switching from coal to oil. The oil refiners are being asked to provide fuel formerly provided by the coal mines. People are tired of being pawns in the game being played by John L. Lewis. They are tired of taking out the ashes, and they have the money to finance oil burner installations.

Established oil burner distributors tell us they have made no new installations for the past two to three months, anticipating the fuel oil shortage and realizing that they could not provide fuel for the new installations.

We are told, however, that oil burners still are being sold by plumbers and others who have no fuel oil resources. Home owners who install burners without first making arrangements for fuel oil are finding themselves in difficulty.

According to refinery executives, the fuel oil supply situation is going to get worse before it gets better. Which means oil users must conserve their supplies the rest of the winter or face old times. There simply isn't enough fuel oil to go around.

**Economic Absurdity**  
The worst of all illusions is that we can have a "little" price control.

"Selective rationing, selective price control, is an economic absurdity," writes William Henry Chamberlain, one of the country's most distinguished historians. "It can only aggravate the disease it is supposed to cure. . . . It is a positive and serious deterrent to the production of the article in demand."

"Who will produce at a fixed, lower-than-the-market price when he can shift to some commodity that is not controlled and that will probably be rising in value still more steeply because the purchasing power that is dammed up by the rationed, fixed-price commodities will be eagerly spilling over into fields that are not controlled?"

Price inflation was not the result of the abandonment of price fixing.

It was, to the contrary, the inevitable result of many forces—wages, purchasing power, government spending, the huge public debt, currency in circulation, and so on. Had OPA been continued, production would have lagged, the economic machine would have been thrown out of balance, and the black market, which had reached scandalous proportions during and after the war, would have been the only real market.

Competition establishes the price which is the right price in the light of conditions. It begins at the factory, with dozens of manufacturers working to expand their markets. It ends at the retail stores where chains, independents, specialty shops and all other kinds of distributors are trying to give the public a lower price, better service, higher quality or some other inducement which will bring in the customers. This is the only system which makes for abundance and protects the free market.

**The Tie That Brightens**  
The question of what to do with Christmas ties is as moot as the question of what to do with old razor blades. A San Francisco haberdasher now thinks he has solved it. He has opened an exchange at which men may turn in unwanted Christmas ties as a credit on the purchase of ties they do want.

Superficially, this sounds humane. Fundamentally, though, it is merely going to take some heat off the timid male that ought to be on. Most men have to be prodded to wear any tie brighter than a discouraged brown. A spot of green, a fleck of red, a dash of purple, and they drop a tie as if they were a hot potato.

The Christmas tie is a good to overcoming their timidity toward bright colors. The recipient, if he is really timid about wearing gay ties, is also timid about wasting gifts and offending donors.

The useful trick is to make him more timid about not wearing it than he is about wearing it. As long as there are lives that need brightening up—a dab of fresh paint here, a bit of spit-and-polish there—there is only one thing to do with Christmas ties. Wear 'em.

**Grampaw Oakley**

Editor, The Mercury,  
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where New Year's Eve won't find many of the Pottstown drinking palaces full. But many a customer will be!

The Russians used to boast that with them it was all for one and one for all. Since the rubles deal it's just ten for one period.

And say: Some of the local gals don't seem to be satisfied, even though they said they were dreaming of a white Christmas. What their thoughts were for ermine wraps! Hopin' you air the same.

GRAMPAW OLD OAKLEY

**Parents, Take Time To Examine Books**

Letters must not be more than 250 words long, of current topics and must not involve personalities. Writers must sign their names and give street address as evidence of good faith but these will be withheld from publication on request. It is a criminal offense to sign another person's name. Poetry, and communications advocating the election of political candidates are not acceptable.

By MERCURY READERS

**Today's Literature a Sin**

To the Editor: G. M. W.'s letter ("Modern Novels No Good to Civilization," Readers Say, Dec. 29) hit the nail on the head. Such filthy literature that is being sold these days is a sin. No wonder we have such conditions as described in The Mercury's "Advice to The Lovelorn" of Dec. 24.

Parents, wake up. Get rid of such poor reading for our children. Take time to see just what your children read.

A few weeks ago my niece and I went to Philadelphia. While in one of the large stores, we came to the book department. My niece knows I am fond of reading. I selected two books. I started to read one. Such a filthy book I never looked in before. I read a few pages and then cast it aside and started on the other one. That was even worse!

If only the money spent could have been given to a worthy cause; how much better we would feel!

I am indeed glad The Mercury does stand up for the good of the community.

Here's a wish for better reading matter for our children.

Spring City RD READER

**Question for Vandenberg**

To the Editor: My idea of a 50¢ question for Senator Vandenberg and others to answer, would be to tell us how long was the rope we used in making the last gift loan to the British, and wouldn't all concerned have been better off if we had reduced it by about 99-9/10 percent?

Or in other words, isn't the solution of several of those troubled countries much more within their own power than he and others try to make us believe it is?

Pottstown C. D. R.

**The Worry Clinic**

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

FLORA B. 26, is an expectant mother. "Dr. Crane, my husband and I are so happy about it," Flora glowed with pride. "But we want to do everything possible to make sure our baby will be as healthy and intelligent as possible."

"But I'm worried. I've had a great hunger for tomatoes during my pregnancy. Some of the neighbor women have made me nervous by saying my baby will probably be marked with a tomato splotch on its skin."

"Is it true that a mother's desires and appetites will mark her baby, as with a strawberry, or a tomato? I was also frightened by seeing a house on fire. Will that fear make my baby nervous?"

"And if I were to play the piano or read poetry or think about good things, would it help my baby to be refined and religious?"

Flora's commendable desire to help her baby is typical of unselfish motherhood. She can feel greatly relieved, therefore, to learn that a great longing for tomatoes will not mark the baby's skin.

"Mothers do not 'mark' their babies, either by their appetites for foods or by their fears and other attitudes."

"But then how do you explain birthmarks?" somebody may inquire.

Birthmarks are usually a result of minor skin defects in which the vessels are dilated, thereby carrying more blood to the skin. Thus, the area looks red. Sometimes, moreover, it is pigmented, and will appear bluish or brown.

These skin defects, however, have nothing to do with the mother's views or ideas. They develop as congenital artifacts. Indeed, the baby has no nerves at all connecting with the mother. It is an entirely separate human being in its nervous system, organs and blood vessels, even while in its mother's womb.

Thus, the baby's heart beats almost twice as fast as its mother's, ranging from about 125 to 165 beats per minute. Moreover, its blood does not mix with the mother's.

The baby is thus much like a wood tick on a dog or sheep. You know very well that the tick is not influenced by the dog's thoughts, for the dog is simply its food supply.

**Vote-Getting Eyed In Truman's Moves**

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—The Truman Administration has presented several New Year wishes to the American electorate which are expected to contribute to a Democratic presidential triumph in 1948. Although the public does not associate them with political strategy, and it may be that they were not intended as partisan moves, their vote-getting appeal has not escaped the eyes of the professionals.

The first consists of the report of the President's Civil Rights Committee. That document recommended the elimination of all racial and religious discrimination in every field of human activity, including the outlawing of real estate covenants barring ownership, lease or rental of property to certain groups. It already has been fortified by the Federal Housing Administration in promulgation of new regulations anent these prohibitions.

Should the reorganized Supreme Court adopt the same attitude in several cases now before it for decision, the vote of the great minority groups next November undoubtedly would fall into the Truman column, even if the President took no steps to translate these proposals into reality. He would get the credit for his attitude.

Two other Administration proposals—the Marshall Plan and the partition of Palestine—should have the same effect, although they are not supposed to be political or partisan in origin or nature.

Nevertheless, they are aimed to make happier minority racial groups who may possess the balance of voting power in such states as New England's six, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, to mention only the more important.

**MINORITIES:** The 1948 Congress, under Republican inspiration, may introduce anti-labor legislation (the Senate will not) anti-lynching and anti-miscegenation measures. But this counterattack hardly will prevail against the more emotional appeal which the vague Truman program will pack.

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**EDUCATIONAL:** The revolutionary report of the President's Commission on Higher Education is another politically dynamic document. Although Mr. Truman has not yet urged legislation to implement its startling proposals, and it is probable that few have read it in detail, Democratic publicists will banner its obvious appeal to professional, white-collar, liberal, youthful and independent elements throughout the nation.

The commission would revise and expand our educational system in the institutions of higher learning. It warns colleges and universities to open their doors to the young men who made, repaired and flew airplanes in the recent conflict, as well as to those gifted in the classics of literature, history and philosophy.

"Motor skill and mechanical aptitude," it says, should entitle a girl or boy to advanced education, as well as the more conventional qualifications that have prevailed in the past.

It is, no matter how read or interpreted, a democratic sideswipe at the foundations of such institutions as Hill, Groton, Andover, Lawrenceville and at such big brothers as Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Under its provisions, a Harry Truman as well as a Franklin D. Roosevelt could have attended those exclusive schools.

**SUBSIDY:** The presidential advisers spell out their program in detail in presenting their specific demands for the 1948-1949 period.

They ask \$120,000,000 to provide an annual subsidy of \$400 for four years of collegiate study to 300,000 students. They suggest a \$15,000,000 appropriation to underwrite 10,000 graduate students at \$15,000 a year. These are minimum demands, the commission explains, and should be expanded in future years so as to double our present college population of 18-21-year-olds by 1960.

**PUNCH:** It is the commission's long range program, however, which packs the political punch. It should appeal to every youngster who reluctantly has quit his studies at the end of grammar or high school for want of cash, and to every parent who has suffered heartache for inability to give the fullest educational advantages to their children.

The federal government, according to the report, eventually should furnish financial aid to needy and worthy students in the last few years of high school. It should provide at least tuition for the last two years of college. The commission also urges establishment of hundreds of two-year, junior colleges, which should be financed by the communities and the federal government.

It is the GI educational bill stretched to include future generations of civilians. Although many M. C.'s question the wisdom of such a federal invasion of this broadened field of education, and it will mean an additional burden on the budget, the tax structure and possibly the public debt, the report will make an excellent political sales talk in the presidential campaign.

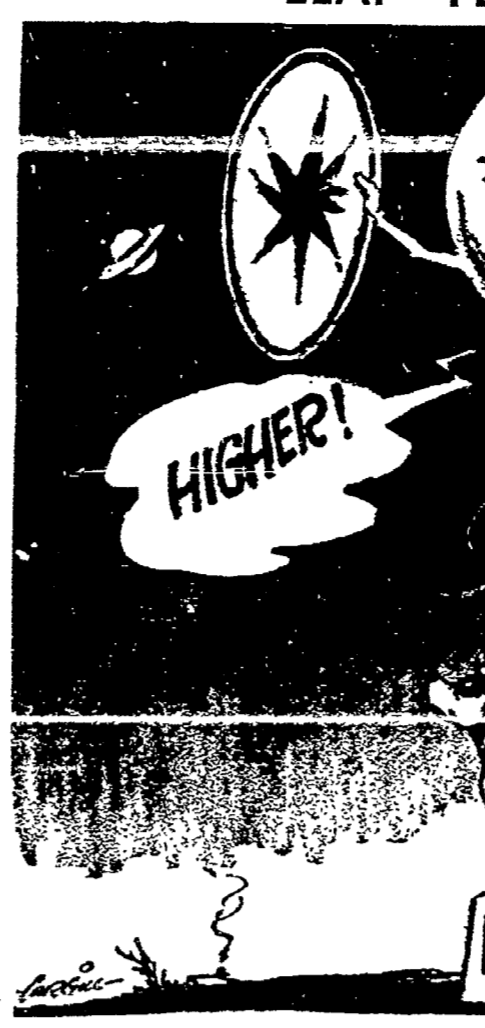
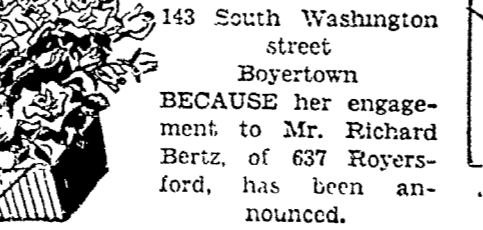
**POLITICAL:** In their frank discussions of these two reports on civil rights and education, Administration politicians concede that they are political as well as social documents. And they will be used as such in an attempt to depict Mr. Truman as a truer friend of the "little fellow" than even F. D. R. was pictured to be.

The strategy for 1948 is to win Mr. Truman first honors as the "underdog" man of the year. They expect it to be a winning slogan.

**FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING**

For HELEN GABLE  
143 South Washington street  
Boyertown

BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. Richard Bertz, of 637 Royersford, has been announced.



**Hollywood**

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD Dec 30 — Metro will star either Ronald Colman or Spencer Tracy in "Vespers in Vienna," one of their super-dupers for the coming year. . . . Holiday Swap: Joan Crawford traded her Cadillac convertible to Greg Bautzer for his Chrysler convertible.

Ran into Joan in that pure white milk coat of hers—and we're still swooning! . . . It's no longer news when Red Skelton knocks himself out to make others laugh or be happy, but he sorta topped himself the other day when he gifted the Pacific Lodge Boys Home with a 42 — passenger bus!

Then he threw in 68 baskets of food so that every kid in the Home could have the same treat. The looks on the kids' faces were his reward. . . . Ida Lupino has decided that Milo Anderson is just the one to design her wedding gown for her altar march with Collier Young in the Spring. Ida is only going slightly nuts at the moment, moving all her big house-ful of stuff to a small apartment in the meantime. . . . With many of the radio personalities who started at the same time 16 years ago, either out of the running or off the air, Jack Benny rates a possie for a top show, and his top spot in the ratings after all these years.

**Peggy Maley**, well known in the Hollywoods, will be the only gal in the show, "Mr. Roberts," in which Henry Fonda stars. Thirty men in the cast. . . . Surprise—Earl Wilson nominated for the Biggest Bust of the year—Business! Other nominations: —Biggest noise: —Miss Hush; Greatest Guts—Howard Hughes; Biggest Bore—Dior. (Dior invented "the new look" for wimmin'—and we'll vote with Wilson!)

Joan Caulfield, Billy Wilder, Alfred Hitchcock always asks L'Aiglon's Mischka Novy to play his song, "La Mer." Novy and his Velvet Strings will be spotted as Lubitsch used them in the new Betty Grable picture in a lot of pictures, playing romantic cafe music. . . . Thomas Gomez, who is playing the heavy in "Key Largo" was once Sydney Greenstreet's understudy in their days with Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne. Reminds us, Humphrey Bogart has already entered for the 1949 boat race to Honolulu. There won't be any race in 1948—so Frank Morgan who won it last summer with his yacht, "Green Dolphin" must be miserable.

Peter Lorre, a notoriously bad golfer, digs so many divots that he doesn't bother to replace them anymore. He just throws grass seed into the holes as he goes along! . . . McDonald Carey says that in "Hazard" which he just finished with Paulette Goddard, she shoves him into a lake, smashes a picture frame on his head, makes him crawl through a flaming automobile. But in "Suddenly It's Spring," Paulette knocked him out and pushed him into a bowl of caviar. Hmm-mm—that was strictly high-class stuff!

**Tomorrow's Problem**  
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(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)  
What should South do in his contract of 4-Spades, when West leads the Club Q?

**Pottstown Sketches** By PHILLIPS

"How do you know, Robert Kinkle, it won't work on New Year's too? Has anybody ever tried it?"

**50 Years Ago**

December 31, 1897

**SERIOUSLY BURNED**—Annie Smita, daughter of John Smith, 847 Queen street, suffered serious burns about the body when her clothing caught fire while she was thawing out frozen pipes in the basement of her home.

**RAILROADER INJURED**—John Burkett, of Reading, flagman on a Reading railway freight train, was injured when two engines crashed at Linfield. He jumped from an engine and suffered fractures of a leg and arm.

**BARN BURNS**—The barn on the Neltig farm situated near Unionville was destroyed by fire when a lantern exploded. A horse, cow and carriage were destroyed. Loss was \$1000. The farm was owned by George Marquette.

**HOLIDAY FOX HUNT**—The Bellwood Hunt, Sumner Smith, master of the hounds, held a fox hunt in the Mill Creek valley yesterday. The fox holed.

**25 Years Ago**

December 31, 1922

**WANT ALLEY PAVED**—A petition from Second ward citizens asking borough council to pave Lehigh alley, between Penn and Charlotte streets, has been presented by William E. Harbold, of 244 Chestnut street.

**BANNER BUILDING YEAR**—The year 1922 is a banner year for building as 324 permits were taken out at borough hall. Most of the building was done by Pierce Grimley, William D. Hertzog, Raymond Hartensune and Herbert Kurtz.

**BOROUGH'S HEALTH GOOD**—According to the report made to the board of health by Health Officer Clymer Missimer, only four homes were placarded during the month. There were two cases of measles, and one each of chicken pox and scarlet fever.

**PASTOR HONORED**—Rev. A. M. Dixon, who has completed seven years as pastor of the Parkerford Brethren church, was honored last night at a dinner held by members of his congregation.

**10 Years Ago**

December 31, 1937

**BROADCAST GREETINGS**—New Year's greetings were broadcast from the tower of the Philadelphia Fire company's building. Addresses were made by Burgess Jesse R. Evans, the Rev. Luther A. Krouse, Clymer Missimer and others.

**HOLIDAY WEDDING**—Miss Elsie Mary Weiser, of 225 North Reading avenue, Boyertown, was married to David E. Cowell, of Glenside, in St. John's Lutheran church, Boyertown, by the pastor, the Rev. D. F. Longacre.

**DEMOCRATS ELECT**—Following were elected officers of the Pottstown Democratic Club: B. Schaefer, president; James A. Kelley, vice president; Leonard Hiltwine, recording secretary; Thomas L. Rutter, treasurer, and Lamar Missimer, financial secretary.

**Voice of Broadway**

By DOROTHY KILGALLIN

As Times Change

"RING OUT THE OLD, ring in the new!" Isn't that the customary New Year thought? It may be so along Main Street and points West, but right here in New York our magic street of Broadway scoffs at this greeting.

The biggest drawing playrights on Broadway are three youngsters named Burdette, Shakespeare and George Bernard Shaw. It would be impossible to see the first two at any Dramatic Guild meeting, and the producers of "Medea" and "Anthony and Cleopatra" have no place to mail the author's weekly royalty check. Considering that Euripedes wrote "Medea" about 3000 years ago, and that William Shakespeare's "Anthony and Cleopatra" was a big draw in 17th Century England, and even the baby of the group, the irascible George Bernard Shaw, is a mere 91, the top playwrights on Broadway today are certainly not ringing out the old.

In our current shows the biggest attractions are the stars who have been packing them in year after year. Tried and true performers who see a New Year as another season of activity in another show. "The Musical Hit on Broadway," "Annie Get Your Gun," has as its composer Irving Berlin, a man who has been making the hit parade for over 30 years. Its star is Ethel Merman, who's proud of the growth of her stardom since she sang "T. G. Hottel" back in the early thirties.

Helen Hayes would be the first to take you back to the years when as a youngster she thrilled theatre audiences in "Coquette" of the late twenties. Now she's cavorting to packed houses for over a year as the mousy librarian in "Happy Birthday." Bert Lahr, who through the years has made you laugh and laugh, has put enough laugh into an old revival like "Burlesque" to keep it running for a year. Frank Fay came back bigger than ever in "Harvey." Then there is the immortal Kiti Corneil. Year after year as a hardy perennial she continues to bring something very special of her own to the theatre, whether it's her own "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." The great Corneil has come down the years with as much luster as the night she opened in "The Green Hat."

And my Variety, which is the bible of show business, tells me it's the same throughout the country. Ina Claire is in San Francisco touring with "Fatal Weakness," and Tallulah Bankhead—you don't think the great Tallulah would be found seeing an old year out without being busy at work—in Chicago with "Private Lives." Gertrude Lawrence, who it's over twenty years since Gertrude came over from England with Bea Lillie in "Charlot's Revue." Now Gertrude is on a nationwide tour in a revival of "Tonight at 8:30," and Bea stars soon in a new revue. The great Luntz are as busy as usual touring with "O Mistress Mine."

It's the anticipation on the latest work of someone you've seen and heard for years, someone whose work you've enjoyed a long time that makes you listen to Jack Benny or await the latest Alfred Hitchcock picture, "The Paradine Case," or want to see Irene Dunne in anything and watch Ray Bolger dance or listen to Bing sing.

This year or last year or next—the old names bring a magic of memories with them and a warm feeling of good things to come.

**A Look at the Calendar.. Kids Answer 'Phones..**

December 31, 1947

**PREVIEW** — You'll probably be looking at the calendar today. So here's a preview: 1948 is Leap Year, with the extra day, Feb. 29, falling on Sunday. . . . Thanks to the extra day, 1948 gives us five "double" legal holidays, counting Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, which falls on Sunday and is observed Monday, and Labor Day, Sept. 6, which as usual is on Monday. Memorial Day, May 30 is a Sunday and observed Monday the same as Independence Day, Sunday, July 4. Christmas comes on Saturday. So does New Year's Day, 1949. . . . A number of special events fall on Thursday, starting with New Year's, Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, April Fool's Day on April 1, Armistice Day on Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving on Nov. 25. . . . Among other special events, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is a Saturday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17, a Wednesday; Mother's Day, May 9 and Father's Day, June 20, on Sundays; Flag Day, June 14, a Monday, Columbus Day, Oct. 12, Tuesday; Halloween, Oct. 31, Sunday. . . . Lent and Easter come early. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on Feb. 11 (Feb. 19 in 1947 and March 5 in 1948). Easter Sunday is March 28 (April 6 in 1947 and April 21 in 1948). Palm Sunday is March 21 and Good Friday, March 26. . . . There will be two Friday days, the 13th, February and August.

**GRIPPE** — Maybe you've burned up, too. So you can sympathize with Mrs. R., who gets asked when children answer her telephone calls. "Why do people allow their children to use the telephone as a toy?" she asks to open her letter. "I called a friend of mine with an urgent message. First a small voice answered the telephone with, 'Hi, Daddy.' It took me a minute or two to explain that I wasn't Daddy and that I wanted to talk to Mommy. Suddenly there were shrieks and the sound of blows and another small voice said, 'Now it's my turn. Johnny had his because he talked before.' Until Little Oswald or Precious Molly is old enough to take a message and deliver it, it's high time that parents kept the little dears off the telephone. Intimate friends or relatives may get a tremendous kick out of talking with the little dears, but to strangers their chatter is a pain in the neck."

**FORECAST** — High street businessmen, who subscribe to "Women's Wear," trade journal of merchandisers, are scanning the "fashion significance" for 1948. In sketches, the magazine shows the 1947 designs and over them in blacker lines are sketched the new trends. You might be interested to know that the silhouette is still a long-skirted one. Skirts are 13 inches from the floor, which puts them about an inch shorter than the extremes of early autumn. Skirts that were voluminously wide and circular are considerably reduced in width but are still full. Shoulders will be round-padded and narrower than they were in the fall. In other words, waists will be small but not squeezed in; skirts will be wide but not flapping, and skirts will be long but not ankle-deep. Are you happy?

**PROSPECT** — That New Home planned for 1948 may still be dogged by material bottlenecks with the lumber shortage scheduled as the biggest headache. . . . There's a new composition flooring that's stain, scar and flame-resistant. Tests were made with such items as foods, beverages, medicines, cosmetics, cleaning fluids and other items, usually found in the home, with no damaging results in evidence. The flooring has the resiliency of rubber but has longer wearing qualities. Be wonderful for those fathers who bought their youngsters chemistry sets for Christmas.

**SPORTS DEPT** — Gamblers are giving 16 points to Michigan in the Rose Bowl game of Southern California tomorrow. . . . Tobogganing for adults is one of the most dangerous of all sports and should be done with extreme caution if at all. When adults sit on a toboggan, they sit on the end of their spines with their legs usually wrapped around the person in front. Go over a bump in that position and it frequently results in a fracture or a misplacement. Many of them can't be mended or fixed. Thought you ought to know.

**YOUR HEALTH**

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

I WISH that every parent could realize the great danger whooping cough holds for children under two years of age. Far from being the comparatively harmless disease most people consider it, whooping cough can produce severe complications and even end fatally. But, most of these deaths are needless. We have prevented also the lives of those who get it can be saved by proper care and treatment, preferably in a hospital.

It is fortunate that children can be protected against whooping cough by giving them injections, under the skin, of whooping cough vaccine. As a rule, three injections of the vaccine are employed, given a week apart. There are many who favor the giving of these injections when the infant is about three months of age. However, others do not believe that injections given this early will do any particular good since at this time the child still may have the immunity or protection which he inherits from his parents. Then, too, the body tissues may not be able at this early age to form antibodies against the whooping cough germs.

There are other measures of prevention which are helpful. The most important of these is to keep the child away from anyone who has a cough or fever.

NEWS OF 1947 —

(Continued From Page One)

Wm. E. Mensch, 352 Oak street, wife Jenny and killed him with a revolver and the Pottstown Welding company's Plant 2 on a charred shell Ten days later another mantle stuffed the

Three men, later caught and convicted, spirited \$800 of loot from the Levitt jewelry store on Washington's Birthday and merchants took up the cry for more police protection.

On St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, school children who probably carried their good-luck charms, were on a light by a dog. His path of glory led to dog catcher.

Then on Mar. 18, \$35,000 worth of loot and Mar. 19, 1947, to the Spring cogan, buried.

As Spring began to transform a world, Homeopathic hospital changed its name to Memorial.

With Coventry residents on April 3, the gonad for a new pot. man to replace John J. Boyle who returned.

Two days later, a day before Easter, Spring was officially her. The annual prodigal return of the blue martins to the home of Mrs. B. Leighton, 54 Chestnut street.

While 1200 children trampled each other to find eggs the day after Easter in Manatany park, Wentzel went on trial for his life in Norristown. After four days of trial he was convicted of second degree murder but later was freed on \$25,000 bail first action of its kind in Pennsylvania legal history.

Animals hit print as April banded into May when the first three circuses reached town April 29 and two dogs massacred 300 chickens of a Limerick farmer the next day.

Then, six days later, Super-monk broke jail and escaped from Sunset park. Few will forget the two-day chase which ended in his capture on VE day as the mercury shot to a violent low record of 34.

Good news recorded the story of a little girl as "Snookles" Stranick, Gilbertsville's 4-year-old nephrology sufferer, came home on May 19 from a Reading hospital after almost two years away.

Crystallizing public sentiment which had been fomenting for months, Burgess William A. Griffith began naming his citizens'

committee for a borough airport on May 21.

After the county donated \$21,400, the Federal and State governments \$40,000 and local industry large amounts, the project temporarily stalled.

On May 24 Margaret Heffner, Colebrookdale, met death riding in an auto on the Layfield road and seven months later the driver of the car which rammed her head-on, Earl Eppler, 277 Beech street, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

Two days later a light plane disintegrated into junk at Washington and Mervine streets but the West Virginia pilot escaped the crash alive.

While hundreds rushed to be inoculated against Rocky Mountain spotted fever after three cases had been reported, June's first weekend started an epidemic of marriage fever as 14 pairs tied the knot.

Just missing Friday the 13th, 216 seniors bowed out of the Senior High school via graduation on the 12th.

Late in June local teachers' salaries were boosted an average of \$200 after a long fight.

The exhibition of 3000 horses and 200 spectators at the Bellewood Horse Show was up to par as it opened on June 27, every one said.

The day before the Glorious Fourth William Henderson, Douglassville plumber, died after a drunken brawl at the Bramcote hotel. Louis Poster, his admitted assailant, was acquitted of manslaughter charges on Dec. 2.

A week after 45,000 saw the biggest parade in Pottstown's history on the Fourth, a two-foot tree was found growing out of a wall in Publix Shirt factory wall.

Margaret Batzel, Obelisk girl, was killed in a crash on the Layfield road on July 21, starting a series of suits and countersuits, not yet ended. A move to widen the road sprang up immediately and resulted in State allocation of funds for that purpose.

In the middle of the big heat season, two Pennsburg baseball players were killed and another injured when lightning struck the Pennsburg diamond.

School bells rang out on Sept. 3 in 84-degree heat.

Nancy Ann Dalgleish, South Pottstown spastic cripple, first appeared in print in a story in the Sept. 17 issue of The Mercury. Later she was to be the object of a Mercury-sponsored campaign which brought her more than \$7000 by Christmas for help in rehabilitation.

Eight days after a legal tangle over taxes, the borough wrapped up the Pottstown Gas and Water company on Sept. 18 and bought it for a little less than \$1 1/2 million, ending a 12-year struggle for the sale.

Shortly after Fire Chief Richard E. Lindauer announced that the Senior High school and the YMCA were fire traps, needless Tuesdays set in again with its short-lived companion, fowl-less Thursdays.

On Oct. 21, after 20 years of complaints, borough council's sanitation committee decided to take action on the Hubley run cleanup issue. The matter still has not been settled and the stream still stinks.

The Community Chest opened its drive on the same day, closing a

**Bus Driver Saves Runaway Truck**

Although he won't get a medal for it, Horace Smith, Pottstown Rapid Transit bus driver, last night was a hero for a bread company.

He saved several thousands of dollars worth of bread truck from partial or complete ruin in a downhill runaway.

Smith was sitting in his bus at 10 o'clock last night at the terminal, 1423 East High street, waiting to begin the Stowe run when he did a quick double take on what he thought was a driverless truck moving down High street.

Looking again, he was sure it was So alighting from the bus, the bus driver raced for the bread truck, proceeding down the hill from the Lyn-Mar diner against traffic.

About 100 feet after it had taken off from the diner, Smith caught it just as it was about to smack a telephone pole.

He and the truck's driver never met, Smith said, because he had to hasten back to his bus to start the run on time. He is reasonably sure the truck's operator was grateful.

**U. S. WARNS —**

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would be clearly contrary to the principles of the U. N. charter.

ATHENS, Dec. 30 (AP)—Regular Greek army forces lunged tonight to within light artillery range of guerrillas besieging Konitsa after Greek commando units knocked guerrilla fighters off mountain heights dominating the strategic Bourazani bridge 11 miles west of Konitsa.

Military informants said the bulk of the relieving eighth division was only three miles from the bridge, which may be reached some time tonight. Greek artillery units were already reported lobbing shells into the Communist-led forces north and west of Konitsa.

The defeat of the guerrillas atop the snow-covered Vigla heights dominating the bridge opened the way for full scale reinforcements to the beleaguered garrison in Konitsa. A ministry of war communique said rebel resistance was "petering out."

The guerrillas sought to capture Konitsa, only five miles from the Albania border, as a capital for the Albanian Greek communist state proclaimed by the guerrilla chieftain, Gen. Markos Vafiadis.

month later \$34,000 short of its goal.

On Nov. 4 Pottstowners preferred Democrats enough to give them an 11-9 majority in council and a 7-4 edge in the school board in the general election.

Aaron Urr, 5-foot-2 Berks street recluse who lived alone with dogs and loved it, was dug out on Dec. 16 and subsequently fined on technicalities.

On Dec. 17, after a year of labor discord, the Pottstown Pipe Products company closed down, throwing 25 out of work.

For 1947's latest news turn to page one and read through the remainder of the paper carefully.

Water surfaces are heated very slowly by the sun compared with land surfaces.

**PRICES SLASHED —**

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in all our history" and "the greatest power tool sale in 20 years."

The book listed some women's coats "cut 12 to 20 percent" and some diamonds "cut 15 to 33 1/3 percent." Reductions also were listed in furniture, children's shoes and wearing apparel, confectionery, some tires and other items.

A salesman for the Montgomery Ward company said that concern also had issued a mid-Winter sales book, but stated it contained 154 pages "just about the usual size" and that its emphasis was not on price reductions. He added, however, that "sales prices" in the book probably would represent 5 to 20 percent reductions in price.

"The mid-Winter flyer is always supposed to carry reduced prices," he said. "During the war we did not call it a sale book because sometimes the prices were just the same as in the catalogue. We put the word 'sale' back on it this year for the first time in some time."

**KING MICHAEL —**

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sembly is selected to draft a new constitution. Within three days all army and civil servants must swear an oath of fealty to the republic.

The abdication ended a dynasty established in 1866, the last monarchy in the Soviet sphere of eastern Europe and the last throne held by the house of Hohenzollern.

Michael I was the son of King Carol II and twice was king. The first time was when he was six, after Carol renounced his rights as crown prince rather than give up his love affair with the auburn-haired Mme. Elena Lupescu. A regency ruled for three years, 1927 to 1930, until Carol reconsidered his abdication and took over the throne.

In 1940, when the Iron Guard had seized control, Carol was forced to flee amid a hail of iron guard bullets against the side of his train. Michael resumed the throne, though protesting tearfully that he never again wanted to be king.

**ASSAULT CASE —**

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then "came from behind the bar, punched me left and right, twisted my arm and broke my glasses."

Henley, who left the bar before the altercation began, testified he was served a partly-filled glass, while Glen Wisler, of the Smelter House, who said he was in the bar, testified, "I saw Nick on the floor and Jimmy twisting his arm." Wisler said he did not observe how Koren got on the floor.

Macham, who did not testify, declared before the hearing began, "It's a shakedown. I'm not going to pay \$45 for a three-buck piece of glass," he added, referring to Koren's eye glasses, one lens of which was broken.

C. Edmund Wells, attorney for Koren, and Joseph L. Prince, attorney for Macham, agreed to continue the hearing early next week when Koren's clothes, an oculist's prescription, and several witnesses were scheduled to be produced.

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By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 30—In one of the final acts as county treasurer, Edwin C. Winner today turned over 726 treasurer's deeds to Prothonotary Earl B. Bechtel during a brief proceedings before Judge Harold G. Knight.

These deeds represented the number of parcels of property sold at treasurer's sales during the year. Attorney A. Clarence Emery, treasurer's office solicitor, handled the proceedings.

"As this may be my final appearance as county treasurer, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the court for the many courtesies it has extended to me and my office," commented Treasurer Winner.

Judge Knight expressed regret that Winner was leaving the county's official family but added, "I am glad to see that you are being given an opportunity to perform on a larger stage and to go on to more important work that will be State-wide and not county-wide." He referred to Winner's new State post on the Tax Equalization board.

**TEACHERS COURSE —**

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dents, now rapidly being copied from Pottstown by schools throughout the State, was instituted by a conference of teachers and Dr. Frank M. Haston, superintendent of schools, at the same time Dr. Cordis was called to teach here.

Again, opposition from parents who now approve the system, developed. This opposition was directed against Dr. Cordis and was an open issue during the past political campaign.

No contract ever had been signed with the Rutgers educator, since she was paid by the visit. During the campaign and the fight for control of the school board, Dr. Cordis discontinued her weekly visits in an effort to avoid adding fire to the factional dispute.

Considering her absence sufficient excuse, the school board notified her that she was no longer needed and dispensed with her services.

**WALLACE PLAN —**

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politics and social institutions of the recipient nations."

5. The allocation of funds "must be made with scrupulous respect for the national sovereignty of all beneficiary countries" and "there must be no political or economic conditions attached to loans or grants."

6. The entire fund "shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and no moneys shall be available to finance the purchase of military supplies, armaments or war preparations."

7. The German industrial heartland in the Ruhr valley to be placed under international administration and control by the big four in order that its resources may be made available to aid in the reconstruction of Europe and "to guarantee that Germany shall never again be in a position to threaten the security of the world."

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**LABOR IN 1948 —**

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to run, and his union has a good record of keeping contracts.

Doehler-Jarvis corporation—Milton B. Sailer, recording secretary of Local 703, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, asserted "It looks like a good year." He predicted a 1948 of "full employment" in the borough.

His union will probably work a 40-hour week most of the year, he said, and added that he expected that labor relations with the plant would continue to be good.

Of the high price question, he joined others in saying only, "We hope so."

Union officials in the one major field not surveyed—rubber—could not be contacted, since they are not yet organized. The Pottstown policy committee and the Preston Tire and Rubber company in Akron, Ohio.

**Two Cars Collide At Evans, Laurel**

No one was injured when two cars collided at Evans and Laurel streets at 3 50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and one of the drivers went to borough hall to report the accident.

He was Nevin R. Yergey, 9 West Third street, who was driving east on Laurel street when his vehicle was struck by one driven by Edward J. Wire, of Philadelphia. Both cars were damaged.

Little damage resulted from a collision on Keim street, near Beech street, the past Monday afternoon, as both drivers slowed down almost to a stop.

Theodore Mikanowicz, of Perkiomenville RD 1, was driving south on Keim street while George Rutenhouse, of Pottstown RD 3, was coming north. Because of the drifted snow and icy roadway both cars were in the same traffic lane, and they hit almost head-on.

Motor Patrolman Robert Houser investigated.

**Livestock Prices Jump On Lancaster Market**

LANCASTER, Dec. 30 (AP)—The price of calves on the hoof went up \$1 to \$1.50 a hundredweight on the Lancaster livestock market today.

Consumers will feel the boost—averaging between two to five cents a pound—within the next few days.

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## Ernest Schlegel Is Elected as President Of Keystone Firemen; 187 Cast Ballots

### 650 Persons Attend Annual Banquet of Auto Body Works

About 650 persons, including the management, employees, and families of Boyertown Auto Body Works, Inc., and Boyertown Body and Equipment company attended the 22nd annual banquet held at Sunbrook ballroom, Pottstown, the last Monday night. Included were employees and their families and the Philadelphia and West Pittston branches.

Paul R. Hafer, president of the firm, predicted increased production in the future, stating that a new plant would be erected. "Things look great for '48," he predicted, borrowing the slogan from the company's newspaper, "The Busy Body," a copy of which was distributed to all who attended the banquet.

Highlight of the banquet was distribution of bonuses to all employees by E. Frank Hafer, secretary and treasurer. He spoke briefly to the group, explaining the United States Treasury department's payroll savings plan which the Treasury had asked him to introduce to the body workers. He expressed the firm's desire to co-operate with the government and with those who wish to purchase savings bonds regularly. He then announced the annual bonus and began its distribution.

The Rev. Dr. Harold F. Hafer, pastor of Faith church, Evangelical and Reformed, Lancaster, a director of the firm, spoke on "The Christmas Gift." Lloyd B. Fritz, of the main office of the firm in Boyertown, gave the invocation.

Both Paul R. Hafer and E. Frank Hafer paid tribute to the late Morris F. Gilbert, of Boyertown, who had been associated with the Boyertown Carriage works and its successors, Boyertown Auto Body Works, Inc., for the past 60 years. Colored pictures, taken during recent years and showing Gilbert in his floral gardens, were shown to the group.

A turkey dinner was served to the body workers and their guests. Dinner music was furnished by Harold A. Dorwin, of Reading, and his orchestra. Dorwin also led the singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by the orchestra. Ruth Carr, of Reading, soloist during the past season in the opera, "The Merry Widow," sang several popular numbers.

In addition to the bonus, all employees received gifts from the firm, as did the ladies and children present. The banquet climaxed the company's observance of its 75th anniversary. Other affairs were held during the past year to mark the progress of the firm, which originated in 1872.

### HEARING DATE EXTENDED

The time for hearing the petition of Paul Kleinspahn for a private detective's license was extended from Tuesday, Jan. 6, to Monday, Jan. 12, as the result of an order signed by Judge Forrest R. Shannahan. Attorney is Mark C. McQuillen.

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## Armed Guard at Canada's Atomic Energy Plant



Security of Canada's atomic energy plant at Chalk River, Ont., is maintained by an armed guard who stands outside the wire surrounding the buildings. The \$20,000,000 project, directed by the National Research council, is opening new vistas in the realm of physical, chemical and biological research. Inside the plant, hundreds of tons of lead and concrete shield the controlled slow-motion atomic explosion which produces only a small amount of radioactive materials which cannot be converted for military use.

## Plants Complete Gifts of Bonuses As Yule Presents

Boyertown industrial firms have completed distribution of bonus payments, Christmas gifts, and checks in recognition of service to employees at social affairs, parties, and dinners held by firms.

Lloyd L. Wagner, president of Superior Underwear Mills, Bechtelsville, distributed approximately \$5000 in bonus payments to employees at a party held in the Washington house. A turkey dinner was served to the 200 persons who attended. A dance followed.

Employees of United Underwear Mills, Inc., Rhoads avenue, were given bonuses by Robert O'Hayer, a son of the plant owner, at a party held in the mill. A turkey dinner was served.

Rudolf Abrams, manager of the Great American Knitting Mills, Bechtelsville and Bally, presented each employee with a \$50 United States Savings bond at a dinner held in the Washington house. About 230 persons attended. Men present were given pens and pencil sets while women received crystalware.

The management of Penn Valley Knitting Mills, South Reading avenue, entertained employees at a turkey dinner at Greenview hotel. Each employee received a cash gift. Gifts were exchanged among employees.

Employees of Campbell and Helmich Knitting Mill were given their annual bonus at a plant where a party was held. A luncheon was served and gifts exchanged. Ernest Knitting Mills, Gilbertsville, awarded \$5 a year for each employee with the firm as their annual Christmas bonus at a party held in the plant.

Eighty employees of Amity Manufacturing company were presented with candy and a turkey banquet held at the Orioles home. A musical program and dancing followed the dinner.

Gifts were distributed to employees of Fashion Hosiery Mills, Inc., Montgomery avenue, at a dinner held in Boyer Towne Inn. A turkey dinner was served and a show presented. Union Manufacturing company employees received a cash gift representing the number of years worked for the firm.

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## 10,000 Persons Attend Industrial Show; 3-Day Exhibition Is Termed a Success

An estimated 10,000 persons from Boyertown and vicinity and distant points visited Boyertown's industrial "Spotlight" show which came to a conclusion at 10 o'clock last night. Feeling in the community was that the show was a tremendous success. People questioned about its value summed it up by saying that for a town the size of Boyertown, the exhibition was amazing.

Added to the attractions yesterday were several motion pictures which arrived and were shown for the first time. Included was a film on shoe manufacturing sponsored by a shoe company located at the corner of Philadelphia and Reading avenues.

The viewers at the exhibition were amazed to find the amount of dust and dirt in the air as demonstrated by the Union Manufacturing company which had one of its air filters at the show.

Boyertown Auto Body Works, Inc., displayed its latest type yearhander truck in front of the entrance to the high school gymnasium, main entrance to the show.

A previously unannounced but interesting exhibit was that of Boyertown Community ambulance which had its iron lung, resuscitator and its litter on which patients are carried.

### Gilbertsville Scouts

#### Admit 3 New Members

An investiture service for three new scouts was held last night at the meeting of the Gilbertsville Boy Scouts in the Gilbertsville school. The new scouts are Hugh Kelly, Michael Lucas and George Matz.

Members of the troop reported on a hike taken the past Saturday to the hills surrounding Boyertown. They hiked from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., cooking dinner outside.

Two patrol leaders were elected by the boys for the newly formed patrols. Those elected are: David Hollowbush and Robert Beldyk.

Mrs. Samuel R. Knouse is program chairman for the event.

Hostesses are Mrs. Paul R. Hafer and Faye Unger. Reservations are being received by Mrs. Earl H. Walt, 418 East Fourth street.

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## Woman's Club Lists College Professor As Dinner Reader

Dr. Clyde Francis Lytle, professor of drama at State Teachers college, Kutztown, will present Shakespearean readings at the annual dinner meeting of members of the Woman's Club of Boyertown, their husbands, and guests in Boyer Towne inn on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p. m.

Dr. Lytle, who has been a member of professional groups at Green Hills, Deer Lake, and Martha's Vinyard in recent summers, holds academic degrees from the college of William and Mary, Middlebury college, and New York university, where his dissertation for the doctorate was the outcome of an intensive objective study of secondary school students' responses to performances of Shakespeare's plays. He has studied under such outstanding teachers as Dr. John Leslie Hall, Katherine Lee Bates and Robert B. Mantell, well-known Shakespearean actor.

Dr. Frank Elsass, who was a solo cornetist with the Goldman band for eight years, will play several cornet solos at the meeting. He will be accompanied by his wife, the former Helen Schmoyer. During the past summer, Elsass was guest professor and head of the brass department in the school of music at University of Texas, Austin, Texas. During the past year, he was teaching at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he was also working on his doctorate.

Mrs. Samuel R. Knouse is program chairman for the event.

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## Bechtelsville Men Take Twin Sisters As Brides In Double Wedding Ceremony

At a beautiful double wedding solemnized in Mt. Bethel Reformed church, McClure, the past Saturday at 2 p. m., Kathryn Mary Klingner became the bride of Curtis W. Herb and Pauline Margaret Klingner became the bride of Daniel A. Rohrbach.

The brides are twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Klingner, McClure. Herb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herb, of Bechtelsville, and Rohrbach also of Bechtelsville, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Rohrbach.

Both brides were given in marriage by their father, and the Rev. M. D. Zechman officiated at both ceremonies. Kathryn Mary Klingner and Herb were married with the double ring ceremony and Pauline Margaret Klingner and Rohrbach, with the single ring ceremony.

Marlin Klingner, of McClure, a brother of the bride, served as best man for Herb. Robert Conrad, roommate of the groom at State Teachers college, Bloomsburg, served as usher.

Best man for Rohrbach was a brother, Walter A. Rohrbach, of Womelsdorf. Another brother, Chester W. Rohrbach, of Bechtelsville, served as usher.

The church was decorated with Christmas greens and white chrysanthemums. Prior to the ceremonies S. E. Good, organist, played "I Love You Truly," "Because," "Through the Years," and "The Rosary."

The brides were dressed in identical gowns of white satin. The necklines of the gowns were patterned in an off-the-shoulder effect and the sleeves were long and pointed at the wrists. The full skirts of the gowns fell into trains and the brides wore finger-tip veils of net trimmed with lace. They carried old-fashioned bouquets of white camellias, white roses and white carnations.

The mother of the brides wore a green dress and gardenia corsage. Mrs. Herb was attired in a black dress and Mrs. Rohrbach in navy blue. They, too, wore gardenia corsages.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at McClure Reception hall. The couples left on a wedding trip to New York City. For traveling, Mrs. Curtis Herb chose a green wool plaid dress, while Mrs. Daniel Rohrbach wore a brown wool dress. They wore the camellias from their bouquets for corsages.

The brides attended McClure High school and State Teachers college, Kutztown. Herb attended Boyertown High school and is now a student at State Teachers college, Bloomsburg. He served in the Army in Europe, having been in Italy for three years. Rohrbach attended Boyertown High school, State Teachers college, Kutztown, and Temple university, Philadelphia. He is a teacher in Boyertown High school.

Upon their return from New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Rohrbach will reside at 299 North Monroe street, Boyertown, while Mr. and Mrs. Herb will make their home in Bloomsburg.

gram chairman for the event. Hostesses are Mrs. Paul R. Hafer and Faye Unger. Reservations are being received by Mrs. Earl H. Walt, 418 East Fourth street.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Mauger, of Boyertown RD 2, observed their 20th wedding anniversary the past Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Starrett Jr., and daughter Carol Louise, returned to Oil City after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Martha Funk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon W. Funk, West Philadelphia avenue, is spending the holidays with her parents. Miss Funk is a student at Radcliffe college, Cambridge, Mass.

## Minute Men Guests Of Boyertown Rotary

Seven members of the Minute Men of the Pottstown Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting of Boyertown Rotary club in Boyer Towne inn Monday night.

They were: Arthur Switzer, president of the Pottstown Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Charles A. Baylor, Carl J. Keiser, Ralph H. Squire, D. C. Knauer, W. H. Boyer and C. L. Shepley.

Following the meeting, members and guests visited the Boyertown manufacturers show in the high school. Earl Schumacher, president of the Pottstown Rotary, was also a guest.

Seven members of the Kutztown club were also present.

## Assault, Battery Charged to Man

A warrant has been issued by Justice of the Peace Earl H. Keim for the arrest of William Spohn, 537 East Third street, Boyertown, on charges of aggravated assault and battery. Spohn immediately posted \$500 bail for further appearance.

The charges grew out of an alleged altercation between Spohn and Joseph Fisher, a fellow employee at United Underwear Mills, Rhoads avenue, on Dec. 13. Fisher was hospitalized for injuries he allegedly received in the quarrel.

Spohn is represented by Attorney Paul D. Edelman, of Reading, while Fisher has engaged Victor Roberts, Pottstown attorney.

### LOWEST DEATH RATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP)—An estimated 32,500 persons were killed in the nation's traffic accidents in 1947 but, with motor travel running about 12 percent higher than pre-war 1941, the mileage death rate is the lowest on record, the National Safety council said today.



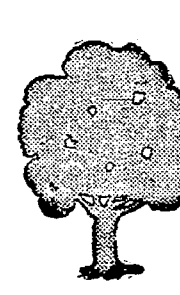
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## Welfare Society Sends Its Thanks To Business Girls

A "Thank You" letter was received Monday night by members of the Pottstown Business Girls association of the YWCA from the Pottstown Welfare society.

The letter thanked them for the Christmas baskets, money and Christmas trees they donated during the holidays.

Mrs. Mildred Myers, president, presided over the meeting.

Miss Doris Jane Dankle, who is spending the winter in Maine, sent the group a Christmas greeting which was read at the meeting.

Mr. Norman Leblang provided entertainment by performing magic tricks. Group singing was led by Mrs. Sarah Brockway and refreshments were served by Mrs. Grace Pader, Mrs. Dorothy Trolinger, Miss Nellie Koury, Miss Ann Barna, Mrs. Sarah Brockway, Mrs. Pearl Houck and Mrs. Lillian Skiles, members of the gift and floral committee. Mrs. Rader was also in charge of the entertainment.

The next meeting will be held in the form of a white elephant sale on Jan. 12. All members are asked to bring a small gift for no less than 50 cents. The ways and means committee, Mrs. E. H. Wentzel, chairman, will be in charge of the sale.

## Miss Ruth I. Blattner

### Weds in Philadelphia

Miss Ruth I. Blattner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Simons, 834 Queen street, recently became the bride of Mr. George C. Myers, son of Mrs. Mary Myers, Birdsboro, in the Reformed church of Philadelphia.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. William G. Weiss, pastor.

Miss Blattner wore a grey crepe dress with brown accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Her only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Simons, of Philadelphia.

The couple left for a ten-day honeymoon trip to New York City. For traveling the bride chose an aqua wool dress.

Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Myers will reside at the home of the bride.

## HOSPITALS

### POTTSTOWN

Admitted: Mrs. Ruth Hodell, Limerick, maternity; Mrs. Jennie Quintar, 322 Cherry street, maternity; Mrs. Ruth Pizz, Pottstown RD 4, maternity; Robert Lamb, Prospect avenue, surgical; Grant Wismer, Royersford, surgical; Rose Nester, 641 North Evans street, medical; Anna Swoyer, Stowe, surgical; Frank Hoffman, 404 Jefferson avenue, medical; Marie Detweiler, 8 East Sixth street, surgical; Anna Swoyer, Pottstown RD 2, medical.

Discharged: Mrs. Dorothy Campbell, 1150 High street, maternity; Mrs. June Shuler, 107 King street, maternity; Mrs. Florence Latshaw, Bechtelsville, maternity; Orpha Smale, 329 South Hanover street, medical; Geraldine Guthrie, 625 Walnut street, surgical; Irma Fryer, 130 Chestnut street, surgical; Pearl Confer, 1157 South street, medical; Sally Heldenbrand, Royersford, surgical; William Strong, 456 North Hanover street, surgical; Yvonne Palmer, The Hill school, surgical; David Ludwig, 742 Spruce street, medical; Anthony Yuskio, Pottstown RD 4, surgical; Minnie Reeser, West Chester, surgical.

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Discharged: Mrs. Frances Grim, Pottstown RD 1, maternity.

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Frederick Heiny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Heiny, Gilbertsville RD 1.

Peggy Schaeffer, daughter of Mr. Floyd Schaeffer, Pine Forge.

Marilyn Weyner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weyner, Franklin apartments.

Robert E. Weidensaul, Hanover Heights.

Gloria Helen Buchanan, 63 North Charlotte street.

Janet Levan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levan, Pottstown RD 3.

Fay Gennaria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gennaria, Pottstown RD 4.

Donald Serafini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Serafini, 168 Rohland street.

Alan Botto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Attilio Botto, 915 Queen street.

Patricia Ann Saylor, 178 Rohland street, aged four years.

Frank Eugene Barton, 554 High street, aged 15 years.

## Harry Bertatie Weds

### Miss Doris Kappenstein

Miss Doris Kappenstein, daughter of Mr. Esther Kappenstein, Boyertown RD 2, became the recent bride of Mr. Harry T. Bertatie, son of Mr. Simon Bertatie, 204 Elm street, South Pottstown, in the St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe.

The Rev. Kenneth R. Anderson, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Ernest Kappenstein, was groomed in white velvet featuring a high neckline trimmed with seed pearls which formed a V-yoke, long sleeves pointed at the wrists, a full long skirt and a long train. Her finger tip length veil fell from a crown of seed pearls and she carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

Miss Sarah Jane Kappenstein, sister of the bride, was maid of honor while bridesmaids were Mrs. Evelyn Brauner, Mrs. Frances Moyer, Miss Beatrice Breidenbach, Miss Lois Rentz, and Miss Verna Bodolus.

All were dressed in white taffeta gowns featuring sweetheart necklines, three-quarter length sleeves and full skirts. Their shoulder length veils fell from a crown of seed pearls, and they carried old fashioned bouquets of red roses.

Beatrice Myers was the flower girl. Duties of best man were performed by Mr. James Bertatie, brother of the groom, while ushers were Leroy Kappenstein, Robert Kappenstein, Gerald Kappenstein, Donald Schaeffer and Michael Jackley.

The couple is residing at the home of the bridegroom.

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## Engaged



Miss Jeanne M. Ellis (above), of 887 Queen street, became engaged to Mr. Harold J. Sherman, of 629 Race street, Stowe, on Christmas eve. The betrothal was announced by her mother, Mrs. Anna M. Ellis.

## Robert K. Haldeman Weds

### Mary Florence Scheetz

Miss Mary Florence Scheetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scheetz, Chester county, and Mr. Robert Kenneth Haldeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haldeman, Chester Springs, were recently united in marriage in St. Matthews Lutheran church, Chester Springs.

The Rev. R. H. Casner and the Rev. Floyd Van Valkenburg performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Janet Scheetz, sister of the bride, was maid of honor while Miss Florence Scheetz, Miss Jane Garner, Miss Ruth Pollock, Miss Marion Riegel and Mrs. Kenneth Blair acted as bridesmaids.

Duties of best man were performed by Mr. William Stepp, Pottsville, and ushers were Donald Haldeman, Bayard Hoffman, Newton Evans, Oliver Masteller and Robert Breivinger.

Miss Scheetz was graduated from West Chester High school and also from Linden Hall, in Lititz. She is now a member of the staff of the George school. Mr. Haldeman graduated from West Chester High school and Philadelphia Technicians school. He is employed at the Firestone Rubber company.

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## Annual Christmas Dance Staged by YWCA Attended by Many High School Students

Jive Junction was alive last night with approximately 250 boys and girls dancing to the music furnished by George Welsh and his orchestra through the courtesy of Local 211, American Federation of Musicians (AFL) at the YWCA annual Christmas dance.

The room at the YWCA building was decorated with green and red streamers, and a silver Christmas tree stood in a corner. Rodney Custer and Bob Marquet were in charge of the decorations.

The dancers were from the Pottstown Junior and Senior High schools, West Pottsgrove and North Coventry High schools.

Refreshments were provided by the Kiwanis club.

Attending as chaperones were Mr. Francis Donnon, recreation director of the YMCA; Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Burdick, Mrs. Waverly Kiehl, Mrs. Alex V. Tisdale and Mrs. William Eagle.

Among the dancers were Ronald Leaman, Jose Spivack, David Prince, George Welsh, Ronald Varady, Harrie Burdick, Louis Varady, John Kiehl, Louise Keene, Marie Langston, Lydia Dannehower, Marjorie Saylor, Bernice Ondis, Marilyn Kiefer, Joanne Romig, Patsy Rose, Arlene Cummins, Emily Fizz, Ray Riddell, Dave Miller, Marvin Davidsheiser and Andy Kricky.

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## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Hodell, of Limerick, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Royden Pizz, Pottstown RD 4, yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Quinter, of 322 Cherry street, on the birth of a daughter yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

## John Ellwanger Weds

### Miss Edith Richards

Miss Edith Richards and Mr. John C. Ellwanger Jr. were united in marriage last night in the parsonage of the Linfield Reformed church, by the Rev. Alton P. Aioright, pastor.

Miss Richards is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards, 824 Fairview street, Stowe, and Mr. Ellwanger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ellwanger Sr., Cedarville.

The bride was dressed in a blue tulle street length two-piece dress. She wore red accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellwanger will reside at the home of the bridegroom's parents in Cedarville.

## Mrs. R. T. Latshaw

### Stages Turkey Dinner

Mrs. Russell T. Latshaw, of Spring City RD 1, entertained her family at a turkey dinner on Christmas Day.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Mauger and daughter, Mary Ann, of Weaverstown; Mrs. Edwin Jacob and son, Robert; Lt. Leon C. MacMullen Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Mauger and daughter, Betty Jane, of Pottstown; Mrs. Elias S. Latshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ritschard and son, Jimmie; Russell T. Latshaw and John Frantz Latshaw.

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## Bride-Elect



Miss Margaret Bresh (above) of Boyertown RD 2, and Mr. Harry Erb Jr., of Boyertown RD 2 became engaged over the holidays. The engagement was announced at the home of the bride-elect. No wedding date has been set.

## John Kehl to Wed

### Martha Shellaway

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Shellaway, of Perkiomenville RD, announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to Mr. John H. Kehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kehl, of North Main street, Bechtelsville.

Miss Shellaway was graduated from Boyertown High school, class of 1947, and the Joyce Art School of Beauty Culture, Allentown.

Mr. Kehl was graduated from Boyertown High school, class of 1943 and is employed by the Firestone Tire and Rubber company.

No wedding date has been announced.

An interesting new product is a package of assorted dried fruits ready to cook for a compote.

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## Miss Iva A. Spacht

### Entertains at Dinner

Small choir boys in the form of reindeer served as the centerpiece at the guest table, while other tables were decorated with evergreens, holly and red and white tapers. Guests included the senior choir and music committee.

Miss Spacht was master of ceremonies throughout the program. Carols were sung with Mrs. Edna Miller as pianist.

Officers of the choir with Woodrow Bickel, president; Gerald Hipple, vice president; Laura DeVries, secretary; LeRoy Moyer, treasurer and Martha Keucher, librarian, distributed gifts to others present. As the gifts were open, the appropriate verses accompanying them were read by the recipients.

Games were also played.

Persons present were Mr. and Mrs. George Spacht, the Rev. and Mrs. Luther A. Krouse, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Guest, Mr. William Shaner, Mr. Parker Grow, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fillman, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hipple, Miss Elsie Lafferty, Miss Geraldine Stricker, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Peterman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Himes, Mr. Russell Schutt, Miss Ellen Poynt, Miss Fred Gloss, Miss Hazel Sotter, Mrs. Mary Still, Mrs. Pearl Freese, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwenk, Miss Clara Smith, Miss Nancy Williams, Mr. Samuel Krouse, Mrs. Martha Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mowbray, Mrs. Rebecca Postlethwaite, Mrs. Marion Strohl, Mrs. Mabel Schroeder, Miss Nancy Schaeffer, Mrs. Edna Renninger, Mrs. Edna Miller, Miss Laura DeVries, Miss Susan Kuechler, Miss Alice Mose, Mr. Donald Schaeffer,

Children were entertained yesterday afternoon in Library hall at a Christmas party held by the Century club under the direction of Mrs. John B. Ziegler.

Doris Knause played several xylophone solos accompanied by Norma Jean Faltzer, pianist. Billy Rohland, accordionist, entertained with Christmas songs, after which group singing was enjoyed by the children.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Charles I. Reicher assisted by the Misses Nancy Baylor, Shirley Wendel, Alice Gudebrod and Betty Jean Hafer.

Other members in charge of arrangements were Mrs. B. Frank Hafer, co-chairman; Mrs. Hugh W. Craig, Mrs. John B. Frank, Mrs. Allen M. Trex, Mrs. Harry J. Loughney, Mrs. Carol L. Rutter, Mrs. Evans Van Ruskirk and Mrs. Bayard Van Rensselaer.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Application for marriage licenses were made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by:

John C. Ellwanger Jr., Cedarville, and Edith Richards, Stowe.

Robert F. Gibson, 28 South Charlotte street, and Dorothy A. Bechtel, 315 North Charlotte street.

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### Two Twin-Borough Churches Schedule Watch-Night Services to Greet New Year

### Three Organizations Plan Gala Parties To Begin New Year

Baby 1948 bids to be ushered in amid wild acclaim, in the form of New Year's eve parties, and revelry in the offering for members and guests of at least three Twin-Borough organizations. The fun will start in each instance at 10 o'clock tonight and extend into the New Year.

The celebration at Spring-Ford Country club will include dancing, followed by a New Year's breakfast, early in 1948. Upwards of 250 members and guests are expected to attend the gala affair. Music will be provided by the Merry Makers.

The event is in charge of Miss Margaret Crothers, chairman of the women's committee. Others on the committee of arrangements are Mrs. R. W. Breidenbach, Mrs. David Groff, Mrs. Charles Rimmel, Mrs. George Steiner, Mrs. William Strunk, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Mrs. E. Earl Nelson, Mrs. W. Paul Youngblud Sr., Mrs. Edward Dames, Mrs. Adam Saylor, Mrs. Carl Espenship and Mrs. William Russell.

An exceptional program also has been arranged for Liberty Fire company, starting at 10 p. m. It was reported all reservations have been taken. The celebration will include a floor show by Philadelphia talent, dancing and a turkey supper.

The American-Italian Bocce club, Royersford, will ring out the old and usher in the new with a floor show, dancing and buffet luncheon, beginning at 10 o'clock tonight. The floor show, comprising Philadelphia entertainers, is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock. Members of the committee in charge include Arthur Hodge, chairman; H. Haines, P. Rooney, Harold Smoyer and John Sweeney, club president.

### Woman Recovering From Painful Burns

Mrs. Roy Gumpert, 159 Walnut street, Spring City, was recovering yesterday from burns she received Monday when a double boiler she was using exploded.

The explosion occurred as Mrs. Gumpert was cooking frosting for her mother's birthday cake. While heating the frosting in the pot, she apparently held the two sections too firmly together.

Steam, gathering in the lower section, blasted the two pots apart, hurling the frosting over the ceiling and walls and splattering Mrs. Gumpert with hot water.

She was treated at home by Dr. Joseph D. Ross, Spring City physician, for first degree burns of the face, shoulders and arms.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Dorothy DePaoli, 545 Main street, Royersford, announced the engagement of her daughter, Beatrice Virginia Snyder, to Robert Drendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Drendall, 338 King street, Pottstown.

### Twin Boro Classified

**Deaths** 1  
STOUT—In Phoenixville hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1947, Lillian Irene Stout, wife of William Stout, aged 43 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services at the Nelson Funeral Home, 331 New St., Spring City, on Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment at Zion cemetery, Pottstown. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday evening 7 to 9.

### Card of Thanks

**GERHARDT**  
We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for the kind assistance, sympathy, floral tributes and use of cars offered during our recent bereavement. For Mrs. Gertrude Y. Gerhardt. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gerhardt.

### KULP

The family of the late William F. Kulp desires to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy and use of cars offered during their recent bereavement.

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**Articles for Sale** 46  
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Furniture, Carpets and Stoves bought and sold and exchanged. Siegel Sons 51 Phoenixville 3325. 125 Bridge St.

**Wanted—Rooms or Board** 56  
Men desire room and board, preferably Royersford. White Box J-37, c/o Mercury, Royersford.

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### 100 Persons Attend Rotary Yule Party

Spring City-Royersford Rotary club gave a big Christmas party Monday night. The affair was held at Spring-Ford Country club as the first Yule tete for kiddies and Rotarians. Upwards of 100 were present.

A full-course turkey dinner preceded a well-rounded program in charge of Rotarian Arthur Hahnel, chairman. The group sang carols led by the Rev. Joseph L. Schantz, a member of the club, after which three reels of motion pictures were shown. The Rev. G. H. Seidel, pastor of Royersford Trinity Evangelical Congregational church, presented a feast of magic, after which Santa Claus entered and distributed a gift to each kiddie and each Rotarian. The presents included a pot of poinsettias to each of the Rotarians. LeRoy Miller played piano accompaniment during the meal and program. Appropriate decorations were arranged on the tables.

Pastor Seidel will conduct a Bible quiz during the second hour. A social period will be included, to be followed by an old-fashioned hymn sing under direction of Richard Cattemore.

The closing hour will be devoted to brief messages by William T. Gertgen, Walter E. Hanning and Lloyd Brownback. A large chorus will sing and testimonials will be presented. The public has been invited to attend.

Special meetings have been planned by the Mennonite Brethren in Christ churches, the first of which will be the annual Watch-Night service in the Spring City church tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock. Royersford members will co-operate in the last service of the year tonight.

A group of speakers, local members of the two churches, will give messages. Special features also have been planned by various organizations. The Rev. Paul E. Baer, pastor, will deliver a New Year's sermon.

Sunday, the Gospel Messengers, of Houghton college, Houghton, N. Y., will present programs in both churches. The first service will be in the Spring City church at 10:30 a. m.

A rally will be held in the Royersford church at 2:30 p. m. The evening service will start at 7:15 o'clock. The Gospel Messengers are a group of six students from the college, whose program includes selections on the piano, trombone and trumpet, together with vocal solos and a girls' trio.

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**DEATHS - FUNERALS**

Funeral services for WILLIAM F. KULP, WALL STREET, SPRING CITY, were conducted in a funeral home at 331 New street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Charles F. Salkeld, pastor of Spring City Methodist church. Interment was made in Zion's cemetery. Bearers were Ernest and Harry Kulp, Ernest Hetrick, Richard Place, Earl Quay and Lee Berkenstock.

**Jayne Kirland Engaged To Wed Harold Rambo**

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirland, 337 Walnut street, Royersford, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jayne Kirland, to Harold Rambo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rambo, 418 Main street, Royersford.

**HOSPITAL NOTE**  
George Shaner, Fourth avenue, Royersford, underwent an operation in Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia, Monday.

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**ASSEMBLYMAN RESIGNS**  
YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—Felix S. Barzel today announced his resignation as State assemblyman effective Jan. 5 when he is to be inaugurated as York's mayor succeeding John L. Snyder.

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Two of the nation's strongest football eleven this past season, undefeated Penn State and undefeated but once-tied Southern Methodist, collide in the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas, Tex., New Year's Day

## Pottstown Mercury

# SPORTS SECTION

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## Kauler to Carry 15 Players On Golden Cub Cage Squad

"I don't expect them to be world-beaters in the beginning, but I do expect them to improve as the season moves along, especially after they have a few games under their belts," commented Coach Gene Kauler last night in an interview concerning his Golden Cubs of Pottstown Junior High school.

### Liberty Vets Win Easily as Central Loses

A big second-half rally proved to be too much for the Royersford Vets last night, and the Liberty Vets chalked up another victory in the Royersford Community league with a 48-21 conquest of the Royersford five last night.

Liberty Vets	Royersford Vets
Kendler f 3 0 6	Rambo f 3 1 7
Mowrey f 2 0 4	Clark f 2 1 5
Loncarec f 6 0 12	Clemens f 3 1 7
D.Hallman f 2 0 4	F.Clemens f 3 1 7
Groff f 1 0 2	Colie f 0 0 0
E.Hallman f 1 0 2	Mauve f 0 0 0
Mull f 0 0 0	
Saylor f 3 0 6	
Unstead f 6 1 13	
Wunder f 2 1 5	
Marsall f 2 0 4	
Totals 23 2 48	Totals 9 3 21
Liberty 23 2 48	Central 9 3 21
Royersford 9 3 21	

Kauler, who carried a large squad of 35 boys during football season, is planning to carry a large basketball team as well. The Golden Cub mentor went on to say after watching his charges go through practice on the Pottstown Junior High court. The Cubs are in their sixth week of practice, and will open their season Jan. 9 against Stewart Junior High at Norristown.

The lettermen back from the past year are Andy Kriezky, Sam Green, Tom Pollick, Dick Ricketts and Paul Dittenhofer. Other players on the squad are Lou Iezzi, Vince Rettew, Paul Fizz, John Hallman, Dick Ibach, Stan Chaplin, Jim Medoja, Dave Ricketts and Pete Stepien.

The Golden Cubs have been scrimmaging with the Pottstown High junior varsity for the past few weeks, and Kauler said the Cubs are beginning to work as a unit.

### Pottstown Hi-Y Five Tops Boyertown Foe

Led by Harold Bauer who tabbed 15 points, the Pottstown Hi-Y basketball team scored a 37-23 victory over the Boyertown Hi-Y quintet last night in an exhibition game played on the local YMCA court.

After Pottstown had taken an 11-3 lead in the first period, Boyertown struck back in the second frame to cut the count to 20-16 at halftime. Pottstown, however, added six points in the third stanza and finished strong with 11 points in the final period to ice the decision.

### Amity High Basketeers Lose Exhibition Tilt

A strong Amity Athletic club quintet eked out a close 37-36 victory over Amity High's varsity cagers last night in an exhibition game played on the Amity High court.

The Amity High five ran wild in the first half and grabbed a comfortable 18-11 advantage at intermission. In the third period, however, the Amity AC cagers pulled away, and enjoyed a 27-34 lead as the fourth period opened. The high school basketeers tried to forge into the lead in the final eight minutes, but the athletic club halted a late rally to stay ahead.

## Steelers Trade Layne To Bears, Get Evans

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Steelers announced today that they had traded Bobby Layne, Texas star and their first choice in the 1947 National Football league draft, to the Chicago Bears for Ray Evans, All-America back from the University of Kansas.

Art Rooney, president of the Steelers, said that Evans had not yet been signed. The 24-year-old, 191-pound triple threat, now is in Florida where Kansas meets Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl New Year's Day. The Steelers probably must meet competition from the All-America conference for his services.

The deal confirms reports that the Steelers sought to trade off Layne. The Pittsburgh club was among those which kept silent on their choices in the recent draft meeting here but Layne generally was established as their top choice. The decision to trade him was made after the Steelers learned that Layne, third team All-America, preferred to play with a club using the "T" system.

Evans, a Kansas City boy, was the Bears top choice in 1943. He played at Kansas in 1941 and 1942 and returned there in 1946 after war service.

## C. Lawrence Walsh Named New President of the PIAA

HARRISBURG, Dec. 30 (AP)—C. Lawrence Walsh, director of boys physical education in Pittsburgh was named today as president of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic association, the agency that directs school — boy athletics throughout the commonwealth.

Walsh, who served for the past seven years as vice-president, moved up to succeed R. B. Stapleton, principal of Tamaqua High school, who resigned the past month to devote all of his time to directing the activities of Tamaqua's rapidly growing school.

The election of Walsh and other officers took place at the annual meeting of the PIAA's board of control, and must be certified tomorrow at the annual meeting of the organization's membership.

Edmund Wicht, executive secretary of the organization, announced the admittance of eight more schools to the statewide group, bringing the total membership to 1048.

As successor to Walsh in the office of vice-president the board members elected Ira Griggs, supervising principal of Southmonth High school, Johnstown, and chairman of District Six of the PIAA.

W. E. Griffith, principal of Somerset High school, was re-elected treasurer for the year, while Wicht remained in office as executive secretary, having served only two years of a five-year term.

Three new members of the board of control took office at the annual meeting. They were Judson Kast, of Sayre, chairman of District Four, succeeding Harold L. Schaeffer, of Hughesville; D. L. Learn, of Palmyra, chairman of District Five.

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# Boyertown Takes Christmas Tourney

## Offensive Statistics Reveal Michigan Should Win Over Southern Cal by 17 Points

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—Michigan will beat Southern California by 17 points, Texas will outrun Alabama and Mississippi will throw at least 25 passes against Texas Christian in New Year's Day football games if the teams maintain the averages they compiled during the 1947 season.

### BURLEY RATED NEAR TOP BUT DOESN'T FIGHT

Middleweight Boxer With Wife, Two Children Wants Chance to Prove Himself

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 (AP)—Veteran middleweight Charley Burley, hearing today that the NBA still rates him an "outstanding boxer," pointed out wistfully that he works as a garbage collector to win decisions over the wolf at his humble door.

"It's nice, it's really nice that they still think so much of me," remarked the dusky warrior. "But, gee, I wish somebody would give me a chance to prove it in the ring."

"The only bouts I can get are against the wolf at the door. That guy is always willing to fight me and I've had a tough time out-pointing him in the past year. I don't know how I'd have managed if I hadn't hooked on as a helper on a city garbage truck in June — and that's only on a part-time basis."

His surprising hard luck sharply contrasts with the rise to fame of such Pittsburgh area contemporaries as Fritz Zivic, Sammy Angott and Billy Conn.

Burley is married and has two children. He admits to 11 years of fighting and 30 years of life. Ring worms here insist he's been at both longer.

His record has been distinguished principally by the facts that as a pro he's been rated at or near the top of the welterweight and middleweight divisions every year and with the same consistency has been snubbed by the top drawer cauliflower set.

Burley can't remember the exact date of his last bout but when he was hoping to get into the championship flight he tried everything from water to heavens for size. He still weighs only 156. He's never been knocked out and defeats are few and far between on his long record.

A parade of managers — Lew Burston of New York now holds his contract — couldn't beat Pistana's cold shoulder any better than Burley.

## Fritz Crisler Named Man of the Year in Football for 1947

DES MOINES, Dec. 30 (AP)—Fritz Crisler, coach of Michigan's undefeated Rose Bowl team, is football's "Man of the Year" for 1947.

Selection of the Wolverine coach by the Football Writers Association of America was announced today by Bert McGraw, secretary of the organization, following the final vote of the association's membership.

Crisler polled 75 votes, seven more than Lynn Waldorf, University of California coach. Matty Bell, whose Southern Methodist team will appear in the Cotton Bowl, finished third with 39 votes, two ahead of Dr. Karl Leib of the University of Iowa, president of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

Frank Leahy of Notre Dame was fifth with 31 votes.

Crisler will be awarded a plaque and possession of the football writers' trophy for one year. Previous winners of the award:

1942—Comdr. Tom Hamilton, U.S. Navy

1943—Amos Alonzo Stagg, College of Pacific.

1944—Major John L. Griffith, Western Conference.

1945—Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin, Indiana.

1946—William S. Coffman, manager East-West Shrine game.

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## Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (P)—Getting the most, and the best, out of the fading year.

Most bewildered — Leo Durocher, when he heard he had been suspended for the season by Commissioner Happy Chandler.

Most true to form — the Notre Dame football team.

Biggest disappointment — Joe Louis, during and after his battle with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Biggest over-all thrill — the World Series.

Biggest upset — the defeat of Army by Columbia, snapping the Cadets' string of defeatless games.

Most spectacular — Al Gionfriddo's catch of Joe DiMaggio's prodigious wallop in the World Series.

Longest longshot to come through — Lew Worsham in winning the National Open.

Most pathetic figure — Vic Lombardi, the Dodger pitcher, as he trudged to the dugout after the Yankees, aided by some comic opera Dodger fielding, had necessitated his removal from the box.

Most unpopular — the decision in the Louis-Walcott bout giving the victory to the champion.

Twice he had been knocked down by the ageless Jersey Joe.

Luckiest ball player — Bobo Newsom, who wound up with the Yankees in time to get a partial World Series cut.

Best comeback — George McQuinn, the supposedly washed-up first baseman who, with no where to go, asked for a trial with the Yankees and wound up playing a fine season for the champions.

Poorest timing — Larry MacPhail's announcement of his retirement which, naturally, stole the show from his Yankees, who had just won the world title.

Most disappointed — the British Ryder Cup team, which was confident it could make a great showing against the Americans, and wound up winning only one match.

Most futile — the defense of the opposing teams fixed up for Ted Williams, with the elongated Red Sox slugger leading the league in just about everything, regardless.

Shrewdest operator — Branch Rickey, hands down.

Most stubborn — the National Football league in refusing to say even "How'd do" to the All-America conference, which now can't be successfully ignored.

Most thrilling instant — Cooke Lavagetto hitting the double in the ninth inning to run Floyd Bevens' no-hit no-run game.

Most cautious — Frank Leahy, who wouldn't admit his Notre Dame footballers would win if they were allowed to enter a game with brass knuckles as standard equipment.

Most gratifying victory — that of John Kelly Jr. in the Diamond Sculls after his dad had been refused permission to compete at one time because he "worked with his hands."

Most disillusioned — Jack Kramer, who found the pro tennis game just a little tougher than the amateur. With all that gold, he didn't glitter.

Most persevering — the guy who reads this through to the final period.

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## TOP ENGINEERS BY 50-38 SCORE

Stitzel Leads Attack In Finals; Hallman Named Most Valuable Player

With Joe Stitzel zipping the nets on the YMCA court for 18 points, Boyertown VFW rolled to a 50-38 victory over the Pottstown Tool and Engineering company last night to cap the championship of the second annual YMCA-Christmas Basketball tournament.

For Boyertown, it was the third straight victory in the tournament and the defeat was the first for the Engineers after having won two contests in succession. The VFW combine opened the tourney by defeating Roth's and moved into the semi-finals where it turned back the Phoenixville Moose. The Engineers held victories over Maria Assunta and Brownback's Collegians.

In the early moments of the game, the two quintets battled back and forth trying to grab a comfortable lead. Midway through the first half, Stitzel got hot and hit for a few field goals, putting the visitors into the lead. The Engineers never within six points of the champs thereafter. At halftime, Boyertown was sporting a comfortable 28-20 lead.

As the second half opened, the Engineers out the margin between the teams a little, but the visitors came back strong and set a terrific pace that had the Engineers reeling. At one time, the VFW team took a 14-point lead, but the Engineers dropped quick field goals to come within seven points of the visitors.

In the last stages of the game, however, Boyertown pulled away to preserve the victory.

Even though Stitzel led the scoring with 18 points, Bob Hallman appeared to be the outstanding Boyertown cager on the court. The tall center grabbed the majority of the rebounds off the boards and handed out many beautiful passes that led to field goals.

His playing for Boyertown through the tourney was so outstanding, he was selected by the tournament committee as the most valuable player. Hallman, after the game, was presented with a large scoring cup by his brilliant playing during the tournament. He also received a trophy for being selected on the All-Tournament team.

Besides Hallman, Bruce Bernhart gave Boyertown a position on the All-Tournament team. The former Boyertown High star led the Boyertown cager in scoring with 39 points in three games.

Bill Missimer, the outstanding player for the Engineers during the tournament, was also placed on the All-Tournament team. Last night, he held Bernhart to one field goal before leaving the game on fouls.

For Brownback, tall center Elwood Schaeffer, tall center for Brownback, was also presented with a trophy as a member of the select team as was Henry Stofko of Roth's.

Engineers	G	F	P	Boyetown	G	F	P
Miller f	4	0	8	Bernhart f	3	1	1
Stolar f	1	1	3	Abitz f	2	3	3
Missimer f	3	0	6	Hallman c	2	4	8
Myers c	2	1	5	Stitzel g	8	2	18
Huth c	2	1	5	Storn g	0	0	4
Kovach g	2	0	4	Levensong g	1	0	2
Weber g	4	0	8				
Stark g	0	0	0				
Fields g	0	0	0				
Totals	18	2	38	Totals	17	16	50

Engineers 18 2 38 Totals 17 16 50  
Boyetown 17 16 50 Totals 28 22 50

## HOLIDAY SPECIAL

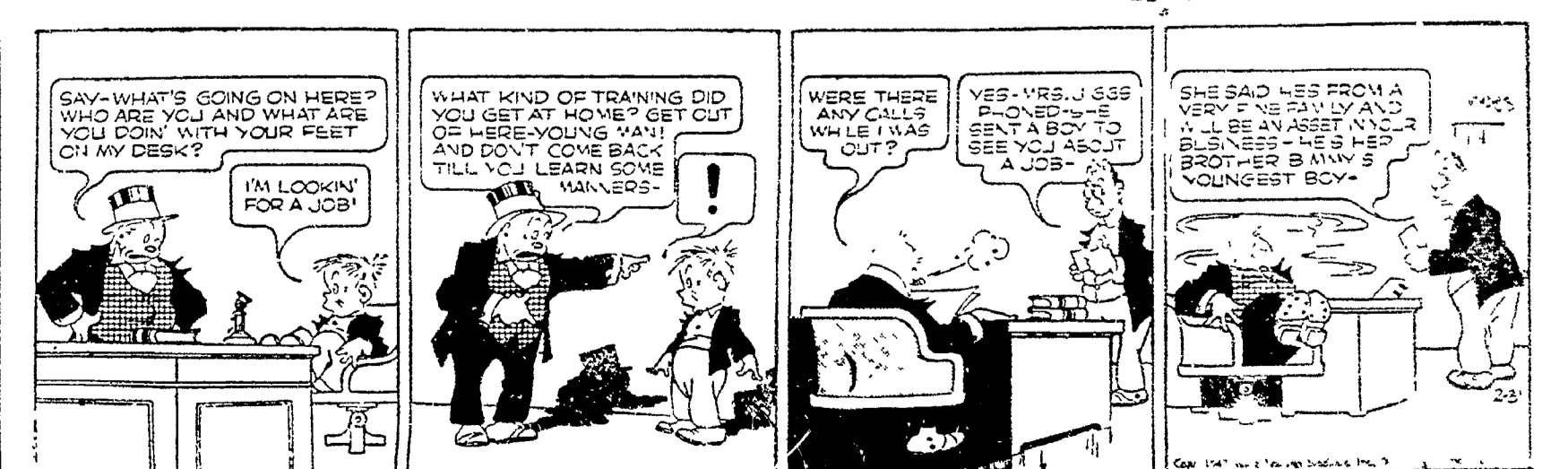
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6:00	Morning Salute: R. D. 1060 Ted Steele	Jamboree Jamboree Rural Direct Jazz Star	Songs of Plains Jack Day Sings Farmers Market Zoe's Magazine	Dawn Patrol News, Music Dawn Patrol News
7:00	Musical Clock News: Music Musical Clock	News: Weather Musical Call: J. Raleigh News	LeRoy Miller LeRoy Miller News: Weather LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire Comedy News: Mac McGuire
8:00	Musical Clock Musical Clock Musical Clock	Bucle Call: Music	Musical Clock	Mac McGuire News Mac
9:00	Ruth Welles Clevelanders Morning Varieties	Winner Take All At Home with the Galters	Morning Extra Breakfast Club	News: Mac McGuire Chatter Bar Country Music
10:00	Fred Waring Road of Life Joyce Jordan	Let's Have Fun Gladys Webster Singer Crocker David Barum	My True Story True Story Singer Crocker Lillian Post	Keys to Happiness News To Be Announced Singer Crocker
11:00	Nora Drake Katie's Daughters Jack Barst Lora Lawton	Arthur Godfrey Breakfast In Hollywood Galen Drake Ted Malone	Breakfast In Hollywood Galen Drake Ted Malone	Kitchen Kapers Tiny Ruffner Beat's Desire Beat's Desire

## AFTERNOON

Hour	KYW NBC 1060 K	WCAU CBS 1210 K	WFL ABC 560 K	WTP MBS 610 K
12:00	Gabe Millerand Lunchtime News: Polksons Melody Music	W Warren: News Aunt Jenny Our Gai Sunday Big Sister	Welcome Travelers Sleepy Hollow Ed Spooner Rhythm Show	Kate Smith John Johnson News Harmoney Tay Heike
1:00	Varities Musical Variety Today's Children Woman in White Holy Sloane Light of World	Ma Perkins Guiding Light And Mrs. Burton Perry Mason Spotlight Show Case of Dreams Double or Nothing	Music Amice Ives: News Fair Reports Bantam Band Ransel & Gretel Bride & Groom	The Little Show Serenade Do Re Mi Queen for a Day Martin Block Show
2:00	Life Beautiful Ma Perkins Pepper Young To to Happiness	Hunt Hunt: Band C. Stewart Julius Time School of Air Blue Music Lam in Abner	Ladies Be Seated Paul Whiteman The Music Goes Round Dick Tracy Terry & Pirates King King	Studio Party Milton Starr Stranger's Song News: Malodis Melody Matinee Serenade
3:00	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenzo Jones Wilder Brown Gloria Marries Portia Blake Just Plain Bill David Farrell	Paul Whiteman Club The Music Goes Round Dick Tracy Terry & Pirates King King	Key to Happiness News: Malodis Hop Harrigan Superman Capt. Midnight Tom Mix	

## EVENING

Hour	KYW NBC 1060 K	WCAU CBS 1210 K	WFL ABC 560 K	WTP MBS 610 K
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livery.

Miss Louise Landes of Des Moines,  
Iowa, is spending the holidays with  
her brother-in-law and sister, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. M. Luyben and family.

Miss Mary Strang, a student at  
Gifford College, N. C., is spending  
the holidays with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Fowler Strang.

A daughter, Linda Lou, was born  
to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gaugler on  
Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Knerr and  
daughter, Carol Ann, spent Christ-  
mas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett  
Keyser and family, of Rahns.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bean en-  
tertained Wilson Metz of Creamery,  
and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown and  
family of Highland Terrace, on  
Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bean spent  
the day with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben  
Boyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith spent  
their Christmas in Rogersford with  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gauger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyson, of King-  
ston, visited their mother, Mrs.  
George Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bowman and  
Mrs. Hulda Bowman visited Mr.  
and Mrs. William Brown in Beth-  
lehem.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kemp en-  
tertained Mrs. Amanda Ziegler, Mr.  
and Mrs. Russell Bateman and Harry  
Reigner, all of Pennsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Drieaus  
and family were guests at a family  
dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Frank Richard and daughter, of  
Obelisk.

Mrs. Emma Boyer spent the week  
in Kulpsville with her daughter and  
family.

Mrs. Edgar Shelly and family left  
on Wednesday for Roxborough  
where they spent the rest of the  
week with her mother, Mrs. Mary  
Pries.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hauck spent  
Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs.  
Edwin Hauck of Perkiomenville.

Christmas Day callers at the  
John Boyer home were Mr. and Mrs.

## BALLY

Miss Clara Gehman, corr. Phone  
Bally 43-R-3, Richard Schell, delivery.

Mrs. David Mathias, who was ad-  
mitted to Allentown hospital suffer-  
ing from spinal meningitis, is im-  
proving.

William Kemmerer moved with  
his family from the A. A. Godshall  
apartment, Barto RD, into the  
apartment of Dr. David Hottenstein,  
the former James Bowman home.

Elias Kulp is engaged in Winter  
Bible school at the Millwood  
church, Atglen.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rehnert, of  
Seasholtzville, called on the family  
of Arland Lougare recently.

John Sacks of Norristown and Mr.  
and Mrs. James Sacks and family,  
of Collegeville.

Mrs. William Sacks will return  
home this weekend after spending  
the last two weeks in the Bronx,  
N. Y., visiting her uncles and aunts.  
William Sacks is spending the week-  
end at the same place.



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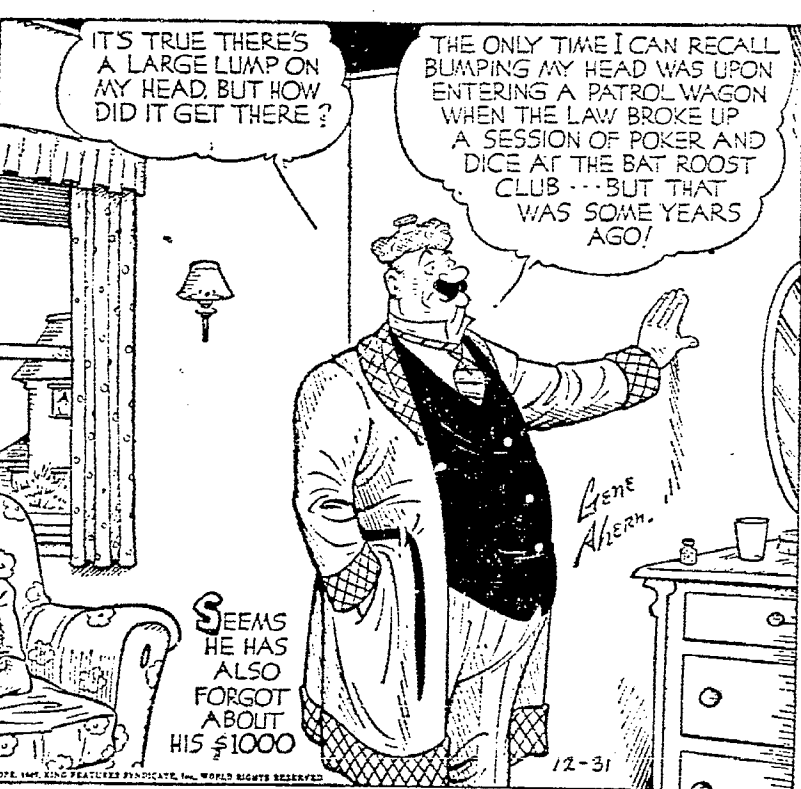


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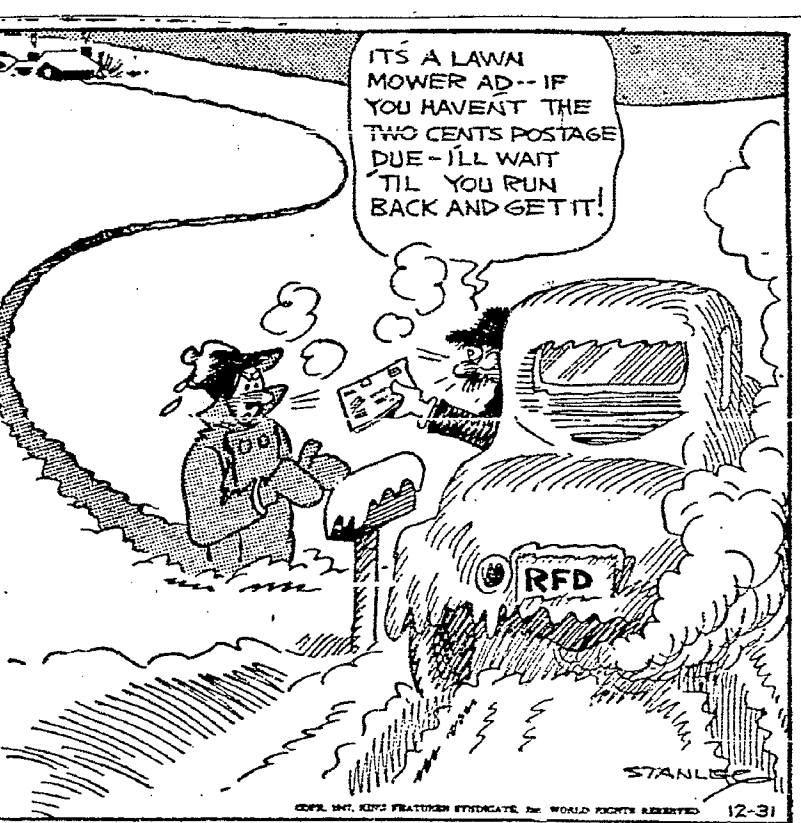
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## TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Kind of mop	1. Room
2. Ornamental fastening	2. Flutter
3. Gait	3. High card
4. Cherish	4. Advantage
5. Bird	5. Bottom of a room
6. Being in debt	6. Propel, as a boat, with oars
7. Frozen water	7. Greek poet
8. Self	8. Usual
9. River (Scot.)	9. Equip
10. Bath as a goddess	10. Cogwheels
11. A distance	11. Head of whales
12. Radium (sym.)	12. River (It.)
13. Neat	13. Flap
14. Scorch	14. To adjust sails
15. U. S. President	15. Gen.
16. Loose heat	16. Automobiles (shortened)
17. Timber wolf	17. Ruler of Tunis
18. Source of light	18. To adjust sails
19. Esker	19. Small cut
20. Part of a doorway	20. Cuckoo
21. Public notice	21. Stitchbird
22. Rainy	
23. Female sheep	
24. Prosecute judicially	
25. The stalk of grain	
26. Covered with fluff	
27. Prong	
28. A state	
29. Man's name	
30. Slopes	

**CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation**

VQ GBBWAPAW PJ IYSSWI; ATW  
ACRSWH CTWK HWA EYA VEUW VQ  
IPHJYHA—ZUPL

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYTHING WHICH IS UN-  
KNOWN IS TAKEN FOR MAGNIFICENT—TACITUS.

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### TIM TYLER'S LUCK

THINK YOU'LL BE BOTHERED ANY MORE BY RATTLES ROBAN AND HIS GANG OF OUTLAWS, PETE?

SURE THING, TIM. THEY'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO DRIVE US SMALL IVORY HUNTERS FROM THIS COUNTRY.

HOW AND WHEN DO YOU THINK THEY'LL STRIKE AT US AGAIN?

WISH I KNEW! THEY'LL LIE FOR A WHILE AND THEN MAKE SOME KIND OF SNEAK SURPRISE ATTACK.

WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM!

YOU HAVE TWO MORE TRANDS BE-SIDES YOUR OWN TUSKER, DARELLAP?

YES! ONE IS DAD'S, AND THE THIRD SHALL BE YOURS AND TIMS!

### MUGGS MCGINNIS

RAMPS, SKEETER, AND I WERE WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY LITTLE THING WE COULD DO FOR YOU?

WHY, SURE THERE IS! I MUGGS YOU CAN RUN DOWN TO THE STORE AND GET ME SOME TOBACCO!

SKEETER, YOU GO UPSTAIRS AND GET MY SLIPPERS! THEN YOU CAN BOTH LET TO WORK AND FINISH SHOVELING THE SNOW OFF THE SIDEWALK!!

THEN SEE IF GRANDMA HAS ANY ERRANDS FOR YOU! THERE'S ALSO THE LITTLE MATTER OF CLEANING OUT THE CUPBOARD THAT YOU DODGED LAST WEEK, AND I HEARD GRANDMA TELLING YOU TO TIDY UP THE TOYS IN YOUR ROOM.

THEN BRING IN YOUR REPORT CARDS, AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!

### BRICK BRADFORD

NOW DON'T FRET, AURORA. IT'S JUST FOR YOUR OWN GOOD THAT WE'RE LEAVING YOU AT HOME.

BESIDES, WE MAY NEED YOU FOR HEADQUARTERS CONTACT ALSO.

BRICK, THERE'S A PLANE BEARING DOWN ON US—AND FAST!

DUCK, EVERYBODY!

### ETTA KETT

GOOD EVENING, SIR? MR. KETT, I PRESUME?

NO, I'M THE NEW BUTLER!

I'M MUNN E. BAGGS, JUNIOR.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? ANNOUNCE YOU?

BOYS! BOYS! IN AND OUT! ALL THIS PLACE NEEDS IS SWINGING DOORS!

THAT MY DEAD IS THE BANK PRESIDENT'S SON? THE BANK WHERE YOU'RE TRYING TO ROB THAT MONEY!

WOW! AND I PRACTICALLY INSULTED HIM!

### BIG SISTER

SURE AS SHOOTIN', THOSE WERE JEFF'S SHOES I SAW PASS THE WINDOW AT THE JASON HOUSE! HE MUST HAVE BEEN OUT THERE FOR SOME REASON!

BUT, SHUCKS! HE WOULDN'T LOCK JOE AND ME IN! NOT JEFF! I WISH I COULD HAVE ASKED HIM ABOUT IT.

IT'S BEDTIME, BUDDY!

BUT HE WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT THAT THEFT OF KEYS AND BOXES, HE COULDN'T—WHAT'S THAT? WHAT DID I SAY? KEYS AND BOXES!

### BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH

LOWIZIE'S A BODACIOUS TRAITOR, SNUFFY!! SHE'S KNITTING SWEATERS FOR THEM YALLER YAWKLEYS.

GREAT BLAZIN' BALLS O' FIRE!!

LOWIZIE SMIF!! YE LOW-DOWN, DOUBLE-CROSSIN'-UH--WAAL--BLESS YORE BONES!!

AUNTIE WUZINT' AIN'T TH' DOOR WHEN TH' BRAINS WUZ PASSED OUT.

YOU LOOK LIKE SNUFFY'S COUSIN.

THAT'S WHAT I BE, VEGHIFLESS SKUNK.

### TOOTS AND CASPER

AL, IT'S NO FUN COLLECTING OVERDUE BILLS FROM PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW— I DON'T ANY OF MY INTIMATE FRIENDS OWE YOU MONEY?

CASPER, SEE IF YOU CAN COLLECT THIS \$120.00 ACCOUNT—IT'S MONTHS OVERDUE!

1234 DROWSY HILL ROAD— I'LL GET \$30.15 COMMISSION IF I COLLECT THIS— GEE, I'M EXCITED!!

HOLD ON!! WAIT A MINUTE—1234 DROWSY HILL ROAD? WHY, THAT'S MY ADDRESS!!

TSK. TSK.

### MICKEY MOUSE

AND EEGA! GOODNESS! I THINK I'VE FINALLY BROKEN HIM OF THE HABIT, THOUGH!

I HOPE SO!

EEGA BEEVA... YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING PIGEON FEATHERS AGAIN, HAVE YOU?

PCOUGH! PCOUGH!

### FELIX THE CAT

THAT MOUSE CAN'T GET BY ME TODAY.

WE SHALL SEE ABOUT THAT!

NOW FOR THE PANTRY!



# Social Activities

## BEATRICE FAIRFAX'S

### Advice to the Lovelorn Problem of Finding Girl Friends

A YOUNG man who writes me that he rarely reads this column but was interested in a letter recently printed which described the plight of another chap who found it hard to make friends among the girls.

He thinks that modern girls are not interested in going out with any young man who is not handsome, who has not plenty of money, and, most of all, who has no car.

Whether or not I has had unfortunate experiences which have given him this belief, he doesn't say. It sounds, however, as though something disheartening must have happened to him, because he declares that he has "practically lost all faith in girls."

He seems, moreover, to have given up trying to find congenial feminine companions, for he says his evenings are spent either working on his hobby of photography, going alone to the movies, or attending sports events with another man.

"Life is sure pretty boring," he says. "Everything else has failed, so writing to you is my one and only hope."

Now I am too far away from the town in which this young man lives to be able to tell him exactly where to look for the nice girls he would like to know. But I am sure he could find out himself, if he took the trouble to analyze his surroundings.

By that I mean that, if I were a young fellow in this one's shoes, I would tackle the problem of making friends in the following way: I would begin by studying the town in which I lived, to find out what organizations there might be where membership would be open to him. I would investigate the YMCA and see what it had to offer in the way of social activities. I would find out which churches had clubs of young people and had interesting things going on.

I would try to find out if there were any hobby clubs around town. People interested in his own hobby of photography are to be found in almost every community, and, if in his city they have not already organized themselves into a club, I would get busy and promote a movement of that kind.

Instead of always taking the part of an onlooker at sports events, I would select some sport in which I could participate with other people, say bowling, for instance.

No one ever makes friends by sitting around and waiting for them to come to him. One has to have the initiative to go out and find them.

In these days, there are more opportunities than ever before for young people to get together under the right sort of auspices and have the right sort of good times. It is true that there are some towns so small that these opportunities are limited. But there is almost always some point where you can begin.

I wish this young man would study the social possibilities in his town and then send me another letter, telling me what he has found out. I would be most interested to hear about his conclusions, and perhaps I could offer him some further suggestions.

## Betrothals Revealed



Engagement of Miss Stella Kusps (left), of 1 West Fourth street, to Michael Budich, of 70 Pottstown Landing, and Miss Dorothy Marie Bartchak, of 1049 Queen street, to Mr. Galen C. Royer, of 428 King street, were announced over the holiday.

## Former Pottstown Woman Holds Dinner for Family

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wentz, of Whitmarsh, formerly of Pottstown, entertained at a family turkey dinner Sunday in their home.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witman, of Morrisville; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Witman, of Reading; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nyman and daughter, Joan Elliott, and Nancy Lou and Virginia Ann Wentz.

## Evelyn D. Naigle Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Eimer Naigle, of Boyertown RD 1, announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Dorothy, to Mr. James S. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Bradley, Boyertown RD 1.

No wedding date has been announced.

## LINFIELD

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The Christmas program at Shenkel Evangelical and Reformed church featured a dramatic play with the theme, "Dream Toward Christmas."

Jacob Klein, superintendent of the Sunday school was in charge and the devotions were led by the pastor, the Rev. Alton P. Albright.

The choir, with Albert Metcalf directing and Mrs. William Boyer at the organ, sang Christmas numbers. The committee which planned the program included Mrs. George Yocom, Mrs. Lester Yocom and Dorothy Swinart.

Participants in the play and other Christmas exercises were Joyce Swinart, Richard Klein, William Hampton, Sara Lash, William Boyer, George Latch, Richard Moyer, William McCrudden, Jacob Klein, Mrs. Lester Yocom, Jonathan Albright, Richard Albright, Donald Laverly, Chester Laverly, Richard Goss, Charles Hampton, Arlene Latch, June Laverly, Frances Nimmermacher, Janet Nimmermacher, Mary Lou Latch, Patricia Albright, Jane Moyer, Betty Nimmermacher, Fay Arion, Donna Boyer, Donna Jean Yocom, Dennis McCrudden, John Holloway, Tommy Yocom, Sammy Yocom, Bobby Yocom, Melvin Arion, Pam Moyer and Debbie Hampton.

No wedding dates have been set by the couple.

Crotons are prepared by toasting small cubes of bread in a moderate oven, or by sauteing them in butter or fortified margarine in a skillet.

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## Casselberry Elected Brotherhood Head

Harold J. Casselberry was elected to the presidency of the Zion's Reformed church Brotherhood without opposition last night, as 30 members of the group voted in the chapel.

Casselberry succeeded Stanley L. Emery.

Other officers for 1948, all of whom were installed after the election by the Rev. Howard A. Kosman, pastor, included Clyde Rushong, vice president; Wayne L. Mest, treasurer, and Morris Bittling, secretary.

Emery, following the elections, reviewed his work as group head for the past year and asked for the continued support of the new officers.

A dart baseball game and refreshments followed the brotherhood's business session.

## Catholics to Mark Feast Tomorrow

The Feast of the Circumcision, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated at Masses in Catholic churches throughout Pottstown tomorrow morning.

The feast commemorates the submission of the child Jesus to this rite of admission to the Covenant of God with Abraham. It was an ancient rite marked with the bestowal of name, godparents and formulas of prayer.

Masses at St. Aloysius Church will be held at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 o'clock, while Masses at St. Peter's Church will be at 7:30 and 9 o'clock. Holy Trinity Church will have Masses at 8:15 and 10:30 o'clock.

**Y SECRETARY NAMED**  
EASTON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Appointment of MacDonald Heebner Jr. of State college, as boys' secretary was announced today by the Easton YMCA.

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## Higher Pension Day Sought by PSEA for Retired Teachers

HARRISBURG, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Pennsylvania State Education association today made better pensions for retired public school teachers its "No. 1 objective" at the next session of the State's general assembly.

"The time has come when there must be no more trifling with the needs of teachers who have given long and faithful service," declared Paul F. Christman of Schuylkill Haven, chairman of the organization's legislative committee.

"There are teachers who have served for thirty or forty years at minimum pay scales who now receive on monthly payments that are actually less than many people receive on public assistance. That thing cries for correction by the 1949 general assembly," he added.

N. Eugene Shoemaker, Red Lion high school teacher, was elected 96th president of the PSEA over three other classroom teachers in balloting which continued throughout the day. Shoemaker will take office tomorrow with retiring president, Dr. Fred Hosler, of Allentown, becoming first vice president.

The organization's house of delegates, holding its 1947 convention, also called for continued efforts to increase the mandated salary level for teachers but rejected a proposal that it sponsor legislation to require all new teachers to serve a year's practice internship and pass State board examinations similar to those given physicians and lawyers.

Albert Murphy, Scranton teacher, presented a plan for the internship and examination and said it was designed to strengthen the standards of the teaching profession.

Other delegates protested from the floor that the proposal would return conditions to those of a score of years ago when applicants for teaching jobs were required to pass examinations given by State normal schools and Murphy's motion was beaten on a standing vote.

A flurry also developed over a move by Herbert P. Lauterbach of Alliquippa to defeat a resolution calling for recruitment of potential teachers among high school students.

"The economy of scarcity is operating to our distinct advantage at present and I am not at all sure widespread recruitment would," Lauterbach asserted.

His motion was voted down, however, when other delegates said teachers in classrooms are in the best position to help "get our best boys and girls" in the teaching profession.

The association in another action deleted with only a few dissenting votes any reference to the controversial 1947 teacher-pay law from a resolution commending Gov-

## King Quits Throne—May Marry



King Michael of Romania (above) abdicated his throne yesterday and the Communist-dominated government quickly proclaimed a republic. Reports say the young monarch will marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma. The abdication proclamation said he was quitting the throne because a monarchy no longer fitted in with political, economic and social changes in the country.

error James H. Duff and the legislature for action on a "program of forward-looking educational legislation."

**RELIEF AGREEMENTS**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The State department hopes to sign agreements with Italy, France and Austria within the next few days specifying how \$522,000,000 in relief funds are to be used. Undersecretary Robert Lovett said today.

**HOPE DIAMOND APPRAISED**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The 44 1/2 carat Hope diamond, one of the world's most famous jewels, was valued at \$176,920 today in an executor's appraisal of the estate of Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean.

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## 3 Trainmen Injured, 12 Cars Derailed In Crash at Reading

READING, Dec. 30 (AP)—Two Reading company freight trains collided head-on today causing derailment of 12 cars and injuring three trainmen.

The mishap just outside this Berks county community temporarily interrupted traffic between Allentown and Reading.

A spokesman for the railroad said emergency crews cleared debris from two of the four tracks within three hours after the accident at 8:34 this morning. One eastbound and one westbound track may be cleared by nightfall.

The three trainmen, injured slightly and discharged after treatment at the Reading hospital dispensary, were identified as:

H. Rumbough, Harrisburg, engineer of one of the trains, slight concussion and abrasions.  
J. E. Swank, Harrisburg, his fireman, shock.  
W. Darue, address unknown, brakeman on the other freight, head abrasions.

The spokesman said a freight heading west from Allentown to Reading passed a signal and crashed into the eastbound train. The engine and 10 cars of the westbound train and the engine of the eastbound freight were derailed.

**FUGITIVE CAUGHT**  
READING, Dec. 30 (AP)—Sylvester Williams, 31, a fugitive from an Arkansas penitentiary since the past April and wanted by police in Detroit for spurious check passing, was apprehended by city police tonight and was being held at city hall.

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